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**Lowe, Lee  
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Tredinnick Lowe Mountford Watson Lee

# Tredinnick 5th to quit Newcastle

**'Davo' to meet  
Makedonia**

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Alan Davidson is back at South Melbourne Hellas, and coach Len McKendry has eaten humble pie.

McKendry hasn't quit Hellas — even though he said that as long as he remained coach, Davidson never again would play for the club.

McKendry made that statement to several newspapers when Davidson left last year to trial with Bayern Munich, Arsenal and Brighton.

But a meeting between Davidson, club president Leo Anezakis and McKendry on Sunday defused a potentially explosive situation, and Davidson will play for Hellas against Makedonia in the first semi-final of the Buffalo Summer Cup at Olympic Park on Friday night.

Davidson still hopes that Arsenal is successful in its appeal against the British Employment Department's refusal to grant him a work permit.

But if Arsenal does manage to gain a permit for Davidson, Hellas will increase his transfer fee.

The \$30,000 for which Arsenal had hoped to buy Davidson applied only from the end of the 1983 season until seven days before the start of the Buffalo Summer Cup. The period was extended by two weeks, but now, under Davidson's contract, it no longer applies. The contract expires at the end of the 1984 season, at which time the price reverts back to \$30,000.

Club president Leo Anezakis said: "For the good of the club, both parties have decided to give and take. That's why Hellas is a great club."

"Davidson understands that he upset the coach when he left last year, before the Cup games, and he understands that we made comments to newspapers because we were upset."

"He now is happy to stay and to play with Hellas, and according to McKendry, Davidson will be in the team for the semi-finals."

"If Arsenal comes back to us, after getting a work permit for Davidson, the committee may ask for more than the \$30,000. Davidson said that was up to us, but added that Arsenal may not want to buy him if the price is too high."

"Anyway, the committee will decide when and if the time comes."

"We are pleased that he's back with us and that he'll be playing again."

Arsenal coach Don Howe made it known in England that once a work permit had been obtained, Davidson would be in the senior team within three or four weeks.

It was suggested to Davidson that he should apologise to McKendry for leaving Hellas earlier than McKendry wanted him to, but Davidson pointed out that his contract made provision for the timing of his overseas trials. He said he did try to delay his trip, but despite numerous phone calls to airlines and to Bayern Munich, he was unable to.

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By KORNEL KAMPEAN

Add the name Howard Tredinnick to the Newcastle exodus.

His impending transfer to Melita Eagles, following the loss of David Lowe, Bob Mountford, Gary Watson and Grant Lee is a shock to the Newcastle officials and a nightmare for coach Ken Kaiser.

Tredinnick has a \$10,000 maximum transfer fee clause in his contract and Melita Eagles were the first to grab him, offering good terms.

After the financial turmoil at the club, Newcastle finds itself without its best players, because it is unable to offer them suitable contracts.

The money from player sales is being used to pay off debts and the Newcastle directors had to forward a plan to the N.S.L. outlining their club's operations in 1984 before being given the OK to compete this year.

Ken Kaiser is the most disappointed man at Newcastle these days.

With most of his squad gone, he faces three delicate weeks before the start of the NSL season, during which he has to decide which is his youth team players to promote.

"With all these players gone and the club unable to purchase replacements, I am forced to try out youngsters from the local leagues and rely mostly on the youth team members of last year," Kaiser says. "It is very hard for me to say what the new line-up will be but I am pleased to say that Malcolm McClelland will be back and he could be teamed up front with Simon Brandt."

"We certainly won't be a force this year."

Kaiser had a meeting with his club directors to discuss Newcastle's financial situation regarding player purchases.

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Inflation linked with demand and supply and the restriction on imports is sending player costs through the roof.

## Spare a thought for poor McShlurck

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Joe McShlurck, who had two and a half senior games with West Midlands Police, on loan from Hurley Daw Mill, and who scored 10 goals in the Queensland Second Division last year, has become the hottest property in Australian soccer.

South Melbourne Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander and Sydney Olympic all have offered him a signing-on fee of \$10,000 plus \$500 a week. But McShlurck's club, Industrial United, is demanding a transfer fee of \$65,000.

"Players like this don't grow on trees, you know," said Industrial United president Rock Boulderini.

"If we sell him we have to buy a player of equal talent. We've got our eyes on Henry Exoritanousis of Fremantle Benfica in Western Australia, but they want at least \$48,000 for him, because he scored eight penalties and three other goals last season."

McShlurck, 36, says he's sick and tired of Industrial United's lack of ambition, and lack of money.

"Instead of paying the players what they deserve — about \$300 a week each, minimum — the club has done nothing but pour its dough into the ground next to the local coal mine."

"Now they've got a tin changing shed and a ladies loo, fair enough, but we're not winning any championships, and it's not only the players who are upset. Both our supporters are fuming as well."

"No, mate, this ain't for me. I want to go where my talents are appreciated. I'm not in it for the money at all, no matter what those slob on the committee say. OK, so they gave me a rent-free house and a car — and, by the way, that accident wasn't my fault — but don't forget, it was only a two-bedroom house and a lousy 1975 Cortina. An insult, mate. I don't need money from soccer, 'cause I already earn \$800 a week from my other two jobs and overtime, but it is, after all, a matter of pride. I'm a professional, and if you want quality, you gotta pay for it."

## We'll kill 'em, crows big Bob D'Ottavi

"We'll win the league this year. We should kill 'em." It's Bob D'Ottavi talking about his club, Adelaide City Juventus.

That's confidence for you!

But can D'Ottavi back it up?

"Sure, we'll win because of the different attitude of the players, because of our new administration, because of our coach, because of the way we are approaching the players and the game this year," he says.

"We will play a much better standard of soccer — not the English style, but the style of Eddie Kreft, the skilful, entertaining style."

Kreft, of course, is back as Juventus's coach. He led the club previously in 1977-78.

But to realise Bob D'Ottavi's, and no doubt his own ambition, Kreft has to compensate for the loss of senior players Neil Banfield and Stewart Blair.

Blair wants to return to Azzurri, and Juventus wants \$6000 for him. Blair played for Hakoah in Melbourne before joining Azzurri originally.

Banfield, former captain of the England youth team, returned to England last year, even though he still is under contract to Juventus until the end of next year.

He was given permission to play for Orient in England on loan for four weeks, but now Juventus wants \$30,000 fee for him. He came to Juventus on a free transfer from Crystal Palace.

D'Ottavi says the club wants to buy a top-class centre back, and is interested in Robbie Dunn, who moved recently from West Adelaide Hellas, via Bayswater (WA) to Azzurri (SA).

If no centre-back is signed, then Neville Flounders and Bugsy Nyskohus will fill the two central positions, and Joe Cecere, 18, will be promoted from the youth team to fill the right back spot.

At the moment, the team is: Willie McNally — Joe Cecere, Neville Flounders, Bugsy Nyskohus, Paul Shillabeer — Les Carter, Sergio Melita, Charlie Villani — Peter Rankin, Joe Mullen, Steve Maxwell.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



**Cole gets  
two for  
new club**

o Gary Cole (left) scored two goals in his debut for Makedonia, after transferring from Heidelberg for \$22,000, but here he's seen in defence, against Joe Sweeney on Juventus. See Buffalo Summer Cup round-up, pages 6 & 7.



## IS THIS THE END FOR DEZ MARTON?

This could be Dez Marton's last playing season. Heard that one before?

Believe it or not folks, the ageless goalscoring machine may retire at the end of 1984. Let's hope he's just kidding us and St. George. For the sake of connoisseurs of class?

Marton's wife and children are in Yugoslavia but will join him later this year. By then Marton hopes to be granted

By KORNEL KAMPEAN

ring ambitions which he feels could be realised here.

He holds a Yugoslav coaching diploma and wants to pass on his knowledge to young Australians. He feels that playing standards here are improving at a rate which soon will see Australia among the top 16 soccer nations of the world.

Marton's been playing senior soccer for about 20 years and holds a

ring record in the Yugoslav Third Division of 56 goals in the one season! He accepted an offer from St. George coach Frank Arok in 1981, scoring 42 goals in his first season in the NSW State League. The Arok-Marton relationship has its roots at Novi Sad in Yugoslavia and it wasn't hard for Arok to persuade the striker to come to Australia.

Marton is satisfied with his Australian form and hopes to score between 15

self as not only a scorer but also a creator of goals and he's hoping to play more consistently than he did in 1983. Incidentally, Marton's "lack of consistency" earned him 10 goals last year.

But it is his ability to turn a game around that has made him such a valuable and popular player at St. George.

"People at St. George believe in each other. I respect that. There is no better-run club in Australia. We are an example to every club in this country," said Mar-



# Rasic, Hellas battle over

Hellas last week settled out of court with its former coach Rale Rasic, who had taken out a \$64,300 writ against the club, claiming breach of contract.

The amount of the settlement was not disclosed.

"I have no hard feelings against Hellas," Rasic said. "To me, the club remains a great institution, and the fans and most of the committee always treated me very well."

"If there are a few people whose conduct wasn't up to scratch, then I guess every other organisation has similar people."

Asked whether he was coming back to soccer, Rasic said:

"I'm like Johnny Fam-

echon. I've received a knockout and I've said goodbye."

**Kevin Mullen, 30, is hanging up his boots until the right offer comes along.**

After 13 years of soccer, during which he spent 14 months as an apprentice with English giant Leeds United in 1970-71, the Sydney City Hakoah defender has decided to give the game away because the terms offered by Hakoah were not acceptable to him.

"The wages were cut by half to \$6,000 a year and I decided that it was not worth it to continue playing. I built a reputation by playing for 13 years at top level and representing the country half a dozen times as well as being club captain and I can't afford to play under these conditions at the end of my career," Mullen said.

"I had offers from Blacktown and Melita Eagles, but I turned them down because I wasn't offered enough. To get me to play again, the offer will have to be around \$15,000," said Mullen who has been given a free transfer by Hakoah for his services to the club, which he joined as a junior.

But he holds pleasant memories, particularly of his games in the national team, like the 2-1 victory over the New York Cosmos which he regards as the highlight of his career.

Mullen was the Sydney Hakoah captain during the 1980 season and he was an in-



Alan Reis



Dennis Colusso

# \$15,000 for a kid who got only \$110

A hornet's nest has been stirred over the Queensland Soccer Federation decision to fix a transfer fee of \$15,000 for Frank Farina.

The affair is now likely to end up in court.

# and another new boy at Penrith

"Well, I got him for Marconi for nothing and I believe \$3,000 is his true worth on today's market."

On the credit side, Canberra has signed exciting striker Allan Reis from State League club Monaro for the \$1,500 conveniently built into his contract there.

Reis is a splendid prospect. Canberra's squad now appears complete except for the resumption of the Farina and Serrmann matters.

The players benefited from a trip to Hobart a fortnight ago. Preparations are well in hand for the Prime Minister's Cup match against Newcastle United in Canberra on February 26.

In Sydney, midfielder Denis Colusso was signed by Penrith City in time to appear in the Ampol Cup against St George at Marconi Stadium last weekend.

A brother of Rene Colusso, the former Australian player now a professional in Italy, Colusso is a very worthwhile acquisition for the new club.

Farina signed a registration form and was paid \$110 by North Queensland club Mareeba United before he joined the Australian Institute of Sport three seasons ago. He was only 16 at the time.

Mareeba claimed \$20,000 for him when he attempted to join Canberra Arrows, but the QSF dropped this figure by \$5,000 last week.

Canberra has offered \$3,000.

Farina's attitude now is that he should commence Equity Court proceedings to obtain what he sees as delayed justice.

Arrow's coach Doug Collins says: "It is ridiculous for Mareeba to claim that they have a hold on him. He was only raw material even when the AIS started to mould him as a player."

"There is no appeal within the code against the QSF decision, so his only redress lies in court action."

Canberra's other problem is to secure the release of excellent midfielder Tom Serrmann from Marconi-Fairfield.

"We offered Marconi \$8,000 and their coach Les Scheinflug is quoted as asking what sort of player do you get for that figure," said Collins, the ex-Marconi coach.



Kevin Mullen (front) with Branko Buljevic, then of Heidelberg

tegral part of the club's four NSL championships.

"I was brought into the senior team 13 years ago from Hakoah Juniors, together with Steve O'Connor", he

says. "During this time I was only coached by Gerry Chaldi and Eddie Thomson, two coaches I respect a lot. Thomson was playing during my first season and Chaldi

was the coach. Then Thomson took over. He is excellent and he gets results because he sees the right players," Mullen said.

Thomson was among the first people Mullen talked to regarding his decision to quit. While players like O'Connor, who started like Mullen, were not worried about payment problems because they are Australian representatives at the moment, Mullen managed to obtain a free transfer in case he decided to join a new club. That however, may not be the case, as Mullen explains:

"I've become a bit tired after all these years and so much soccer. There are so many other things I enjoy doing and there just wasn't the time."

"Now I can play more golf on the weekends and earn more money if necessary by doing overtime. This way I will avoid getting abused by the spectators and have less pressure on myself," said Mullen.

He is still involved in soccer, coaching an under 21 side and is thinking about the possibility of coaching on a more serious basis.

Mullen leaves the impression that he has not entirely given up on playing, but of course, it all depends on the money.

— KORNEL KAMPEAN

# Katsikas at Westad, Blute too?

West Adelaide Hellas is expecting big things from midfielder Peter Katsikas, who played amateur soccer in West Germany.

Katsikas, 24, was born in Germany, of Greek parents.

"He's been looking good in trial games, and I really think he can make it in our senior side," said West Adelaide official Frank Karlmanns.

Katsikas is West's only new player, apart from Steve Papadopoulos, 18, recruited from Polonia-Adelaide.

West Adelaide also is interested in Croatia striker Paul Blute, who has been playing well in the SA Ampol Cup.

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# Boland wants a fair go from J.U.S.T.

By  
**LAURIE SCHWAB**

**Goalkeeper Dennis Boland has appealed to Footscray JUST for a fair deal. After eight years' service, and at the age of 33, Boland wants a transfer, but JUST has slapped a \$25,000 fee on him.**

*Naturally, Sunshine-George Cross — the club that wants to sign him — regards the fee as excessive, especially since Gary Cole — all-time top scorer in the NSL — transferred last week for only \$22,000.*

"JUST sold Jim Kondarios, a much younger man, for only \$3000 last year," Boland says. "Steve Potter, the Makedonia goalkeeper, was for sale a few weeks ago for only \$10,000 — and he's only 25 years old."

JUST claims that although Boland's contract has expired, it still has an option on him — and naturally, it doesn't want to lose him.

"The contract said that they had to advise me by letter by November 31 of last year, if they wanted to take up the option, but they never did," Boland says.

"I want to leave the club on a friendly, peaceful basis, but if need be, I'll go to the tribunal to get the fee down. I'm sure that the club couldn't justify my price."

Asked why he had decided to make a move, Boland said:

"I just want a change, that's all. I've got maybe two years left, and I want to spend them in different surroundings. It's not a financial thing, because I'd get no more from George Cross than I'm getting at JUST."

"I've been thinking about it since the end of last season. I was going to go to Mordialloc, which has been promoted to the Second Division, because John Bromididis, the guy I work for, is the president there, and because I've just moved to Parkdale. But some friends told me other clubs were looking for goalkeepers, and eventually I rang Alf Zahra, the president of George Cross."

"I know a lot of the guys at George Cross — 'Suki' Jovanovic, Jim O'Reilly, Carl Gilder, Norrie Pate, Mick McGorian..."

Throughout the seven seasons of NSL competition, Boland invariably has been the busiest player in the Footscray JUST team. Has that got him down?

"It does get to you in the end. I do want to win something before I retire. I don't know if I'll do it at George Cross, but I'm willing to take the chance."

Boland came to Australia at the age of 20, from Scotland, where he played Junior soccer for The Osbourne and Dundee Violet.

He had two years at Hakoah, after previous goalkeepers Sandy Henderson and Mike O'Hara had left the club. Boland vied with Ian McDonald and Peter Mur for the No 1 spot, and was successful most of the time, but when Hakoah bought Jack O'Reilly from St George Budapest, Boland followed Hugh Murney to Albion Rovers for a nominal transfer fee of \$500. Murney, who had starred for Hakoah for so long, had been appointed coach of the Rovers.

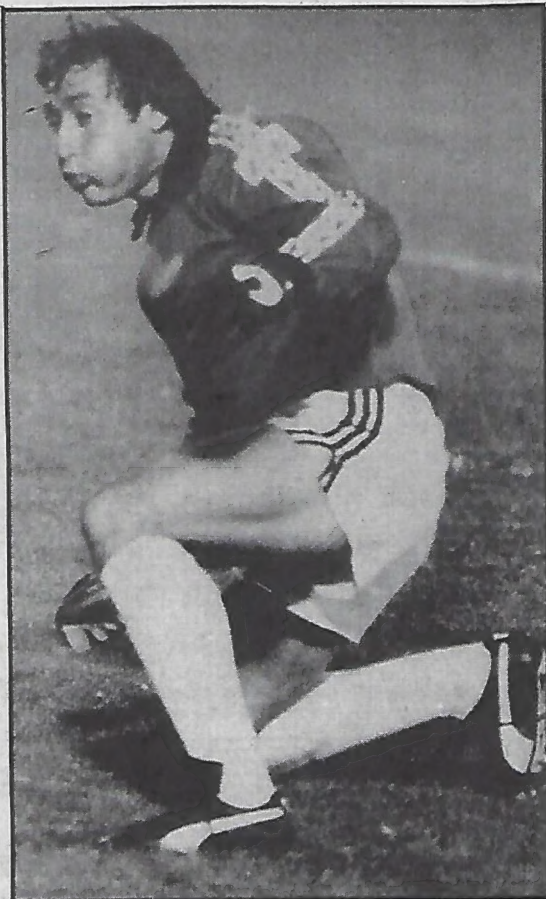
With Murney at the helm and Boland in goal, Albion Rovers came second to Makedonia and both were promoted to the Victorian First Division.

Franz van Balkom, the former Wilhelmina player was visiting Australia at the time, looking for recruits for Yomiuri, the Japanese club he now was coaching.

van Balkom chose former Soccer Hammy McMechan for a midfield position, and, at McMechan's suggestion, he picked Boland for goal.

But van Balkom, who later was to coach Hong Kong, was to be disappointed by McMechan. Yomiuri took its players on a tour of Europe to watch the 1974 World Cup finals, and to play practice matches against Werder Bremen and Duesseldorf among others. McMechan was given the OK to fly to Scotland to visit his folks, and that was the last Yomiuri saw of him!

Boland, however, played in Tokyo for two seasons, and during that time, the club won the 1975 Second Division championship. Before his return to Australia in 1976, Boland got a friend to arrange through the



**Dennis Boland — puffed out from all the hard work at Footscray JUST. Picture by LES SHORROCK.**

newspapers that he was looking for a club.

The result was that 13 clubs, including Melbourne, JUST and Polonia, started vying for his services.

"Albion Rovers didn't seem to show any interest, so I went down to train with JUST which always had been a good side — the sort of club you always wanted to play for. They had the match of the day on Channel 9 at the time, and I was in the stand watching as JUST played against Mooroolbark. Milan Cvijic was in goal that day, and JUST lost, which meant they dropped out of the top four. Well, the next morning — Sunday — Cedo Cirkovic, the coach, and Tony Kovac, the president, were at my door, and I signed. We got back into the top four, and we won the top four series not only that year, but the next year as well."

Boland's first run-in with JUST came in 1978. New coach Bobby McLachlan decided to use Steve Potter in goal, instead of Boland, with the result that Boland decided to pack it in. But after about three weeks, Hellas decided that its goalkeeper, Peter Laumets, went out of form, and that Dennis Boland may be able to solve the problem. So Boland switched to Hellas for eight weeks on loan, and completed the 1978 season as Middle Park.

He returned to JUST for 1979, and the club decided to retain him and to sell Steve Potter to Croatia.

That should have been that — but more trouble was on the way.

When Peter Jaksa was coach in 1982, Boland was sidelined by injury, and when he recovered, he found that Jaksa preferred Milutin Ciric in goal.

Disappointed once more, Boland decided to go to Mordialloc on loan. His good friend, Billy Rae, was coaching Mordialloc, and Boland thought he'd be able to help save the club from relegation.

In the end, though, his presence caused Mordialloc to slide into the Third Division.

"I played six games for them, but when Melbourne contacted that I had

been signed after the transfer deadline, we lost two points, which caused us to be relegated," he remembers.

"I signed for Mordialloc on the Friday, and someone from the club slid the papers under the door of Soccer House on the Saturday. It had been arranged that the papers should be stamped with Friday's date, but someone else got hold of them and stamped them with Monday's date instead. Melbourne protested after we'd beaten them 1-0. They had been on top of the ladder, but Broadmeadows, who were second, didn't protest after we played them."

With his transfer ruled invalid, Boland was persuaded by JUST to return for the last two games, because JUST too, was threatened by relegation. In his first game back, JUST drew 1-1 with Heidelberg-Alexander, but it lost the last game 0-3 to Makedonia. Nevertheless JUST are safe now.

Boland — 34 in June — still is disappointed that he never was selected for the national squad. "It's every player's aim, and I think my form warranted selection," he says.

He's even more disappointed over the way he was dumped from the Victorian State side by coach Tim White, after only one and a bit games.

"Having waited years and years for a chance in the State side, I finally was given 10 minutes against Watford in 1982," he says. "We lost 0-4, but all the goals already had been scored by the time I came on."

"Last year, I was picked again for a game against Queensland, and we won it 2-0 in Brisbane. Tim White said after that game that he had a good squad and that he wouldn't change it. But come the game against West Berlin a few weeks ago, and I wasn't even chosen in the squad. Why was I out? You tell me and we'll both know."

"At least I know what I've done in soccer, and I think the public knows too."

## KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



George Koudas, one of the best players produced in Greece, could be making guest appearances for Marrickville Olympic for six weeks this season.

After more than 500 games for PAOK Salonika, he decided last year to finish his career but his club talked him into playing for another season.

If negotiations taking place now with Marrickville work out, then we could see Koudas' last games before he retires.

The youngsters at Marrickville Olympic, Dennis Fertianis, Dounis and others, would greatly benefit from Koudas, a man with vast experience and I'm sure a lot of soccer enthusiasts would go to see him play as he is the second greatest soccer star in Greece, next to Mimis Domazos.

### Ban the Brits too

With the latest chapter written in the sad tale about Aussie players not being able to play in England, I reckon a lot of you out there will agree with me when I say that a ban should be placed on British players coming into Australia.

We cannot have one way traffic. A few years back, George Christopoulos took his case to the House of Commons but still couldn't get a work permit and now the British reckon that Alan Davidson is too cheap at \$30,000 and not worthy of being granted a work permit. What bull! I think the British realise that if they allow one player

## Bring out Koudas but ban Brits

in, then it will open the door for others and they certainly know that there is some great talent 'Down Under'.

It was shown against mighty England in the three test series last year and I think that those games put the dampener on Aussie players getting work permits.

### Good on you, 0/28

The draw for the new, two-league NSL has been made, so now it's all systems go.

Clubs will play 28 games in all, including six inter-league matches and in the middle of the season we'll have a month's break to play internationals as well as the National Cup.

Thank God channel 9/28 has stuck behind us. Goodness knows what sort of TV exposure we'd be left with if they pulled out of Australian soccer.

The Match of the Week will be shown on Sunday nights and NSL highlights will be shown on Monday nights. The weekly show, International Sports Magazine on Friday nights, will be solely devoted to soccer. Great!

However, 0/28's decision to only televise games at certain grounds won't be welcomed by some clubs. This will curtail the prospect of TV exposure

for sponsor companies of certain clubs and that's not a good thing.

Okay, some grounds have far better facilities than others. I accept that. And I also reckon that it's up to the players to turn it on when they're competing in the Match of the Week. If they do, then the fans will be happy, the committee will be happy and the sponsors will be happy.

### Mark back, bye Branko

I bumped into Mark Trenter the other day and he is on the recovery trail.

Mark has been out of the game with an ankle injury and his club, Sydney Croatia, will be keen to have him back because at the age of 25 he still has quite a few more goalscoring years in front of him.

On a less happier note, it is really sad to see Branko Buljevic bow out of the game as he has given great service to Australian soccer.

He was a player I always looked up to and I certainly agree with his views on how the game should be played.

In last week's "Soccer Action" he talked about coaches not encouraging skill and imagination and he is absolutely right, because that is why more people are leaving the grounds dissatisfied and ending up staying at home.

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# BUNDALO SET TO BUBBLE

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Alex Bundalo, the gifted midfielder with a flair for goals, may well become the scheming star Wollongong City has been seeking for three years.

Bundalo, born in the Yugoslav city of Novi Sad, in May, 1966, is one of new coach Adrian Alston's new signings this season.

Coming from a relatively obscure soccer background in Sydney, Bundalo played for Fairy Meadow for two seasons before joining Wollongong.

But his two-year stint in the NSW State Second Division made many people aware of his infinite class and temperament. And in Wollongong's first official outing of the season, he lived up to expectations with a marvellous performance against APIA Leichhardt in the NSW Ampol Cup.

"Who's that number eight for Wollongong," asked a very interested Frank Arok, St George Budapest coach.

Bundalo capped a fine game with a glorious goal in extra time.

Receiving a square ball from midfielder Peter Kotamanidis, Bundalo let loose a hard dipper from outside the area which beat goalkeeper Parkes all ends up.

Certainly, it was a goal which only stars could score.

But Bundalo is not too impressed with the increased attention he gets from the media.

"I don't like this star image at all," Bundalo confessed.

"I just try to play as best as I can."



Alex Bundalo

"The publicity puts too much pressure on me and I'm not always able to live up to my reputation."

Bundalo's progress is closely followed in the Wollongong camp, especially by Alston. But the former Socceroo will not get carried away.

"Bundalo is a marvellous player but he is by no means a star yet," Alston said.

"But if he applies himself he will make it."

Bundalo knows Wollongong is in for a hard time against the more experienced National Soccer League clubs.

# Mark Jankovics as sweeper?

By KORNEL KAMPEAN

Mark Jankovics as Marconi's sweeper? It may not seem to be as unlikely as it sounds.

"I see playing sweeper as a challenge and I feel confident in the air, especially after playing most of the time against central defenders," Jankovics said when we spoke to him at his sports store.

Jankovics has an impressive record. He started playing senior soccer as a 19-year-old at St. George eight years ago, and he always has been a striker. He has the second-highest scoring record in the N.S.L., with 81 goals, and has played in 34 games for Australia, 15 of which were full internationals.

He scored only two goals for Australia though.

"I regard the sweeper's role as providing an extra man in the midfield or even in the attack. Lately I've been in midfield,

and I'm willing to play any position as long as I am in the team.

"In my first season, as a first-grade player for St. George, I started as a full back and I played some games for the national team as a midfielder, and regard myself as being able to play any position on the field," Jankovics said.

He is looking forward to another season at Marconi with Les Scheinflug as Coach and what he calls a Number 1 team.

"Les's attitude is that no position is certain in the team and that every player has to work hard and produce the results on the field. He knows the players well and has made some good buys, so we are looking forward to a successful season."

Jankovics played some of his best soccer under Les Scheinflug in 1979 when Marconi was the league champion and he was the league's top scorer that year.

The following year Marconi won the National League Cup, again under Scheinflug.



Mark Jankovics

"There is a different attitude at the club now because Les is determined to succeed and there is pressure on the players

to perform well. It is up to Les, but I will be prepared to play even sweeper or midfield," Jankovics said.

When asked about his comeback to the national team during the Merlion Cup in Singapore, Jankovics said he is just taking the game as it comes.

"Les is in charge and it's up to me and my form to be selected in the team," he said.

Jankovics has been running his sports store for four years, and has staff working for him who also relieve him when he is away playing.

He is satisfied with the business because it blends well with his soccer and the supporters are also his clients.

As far as soccer is concerned he knows that he can fully concentrate on the new season, as he can always rely on his staff.

Jankovics said that he is fully fit and ready to start a new career as sweeper depending on what Les Scheinflug decides is best for the team.



Roy Jones

# Jones makes the break — soccer first, school second

By KORNEL KAMPEAN

There won't be 110,000 fans watching Roy Jones make his NSL debut with Canberra Arrows this year. Bruce Stadium has little in common with the cauldron-like atmosphere of the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City.

Nevertheless, 1984 marks a milestone in the young defender's soccer career for it is the

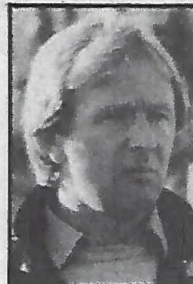
year that he has decided to try and establish himself as a senior player of National League repute. He's well credentialed, having played for the young Socceros in last year's World Youth Cup finals. Jones is one of six young players brought into Canberra Arrows' first team squad this season from the local Australian Institute of Sport.

"During my two years at the Institute I was only learning from the coach but now I get to learn so much from other players, as well as from Canberra coach, Doug Collins. I feel like a schoolkid among the experienced players, but at the Institute I was one of the older players."

The Institute of Sport uses young players only and prepares them for senior NSL careers. Jones felt that he had to make a break this season along with John Mihailidis, Tony Franken, Frank Farina, Ray Junna and Barnett.

"Doug Collins is a very good coach, one of the best as far as youth policies are concerned. He doesn't employ restrictive tactics and I enjoy his training."

"He got rid of some older players and brought us into the team as well as Steve Hogg from Brisbane Lions. Together with the experienced players already in the squad, Arrows will have a strong side this



Doug Collins

year, balanced with youth and experience."

Jones wanted to play stopper this season but the competition might be too fierce. He reckons his chances are better at left back, where he is the only left footer in contention.

"I played at left back during the practice games and I think that is where Doug is planning to use me, although it is hard to say what will happen during the season."

Arrows have a squad of 22 players, including youth team lads, and Jones knows that no position is certain in the first team.

Memories of Mexico are vivid, Jones' experiences

there are the highlights of his career so far.

"To walk out in front of 110,000 spectators in the opening game against Mexico is something which is very hard for me to put into words. It was quite an experience to be coached by Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco and for me it was the biggest thing since I started playing at the age of 15."

Jones only played against Mexico during the finals although he featured in most of the preparation games in the U.S. and Central America. He played 19 games for the youth team, 14 in full internationals.

He has two more years to go until he gets his Primary Teachers' Diploma. However, he is not too worried if his studies are delayed as he considers soccer more important at present.

"I find it very hard, because I need to spend at least 18 to 20 hours at school as well as hours of studying at home. But with just three nights a week training, it is not that bad. I am concentrating more on soccer than I am on my studies but at least I have the support of my family."

"My mum was a bit wary during my first two years at the Institute of Sport but my father was in favour of me concentrating on a soccer career."

Canberra Arrows' supporters may echo the sentiments of Jones' father by the end of the 1984 season.

# NOON NEW LIONS BOSS

Billy Williamson and Nigel Lownds are set to return to Lions and a new enthusiasm has swept the club following the appointment of Harry Noon as coach last week.

Noon is from NSW State League club Kuringai.

And his first day on the job was spent watching the Lions NSL side defeat the club's second team 4-0. On the bench with him was Williamson, who played on loan at Brisbane City last season, while goalkeeper Lownds sat in the grandstand.

Both players left Lions, for one reason or another, but bowed to requests from club officials to return following the departure of former coach Simon Kistemaker.

And a number of other players,

who quietly had begun to look elsewhere because they did not apparently figure in Kistemaker's plans, played the trial with renewed vigor—none more so than Scottish striker Jim McDonagh.

Noon, who took Kuringai from the Third Division to fifth in the State League in only three years, said although one or two of his former players expressed interest in coming north, he was not about to make any quick signings.

Noon, 41, played more than 400 games in the English Second Division with Notts County. He watched Lions play four times in Sydney last year.

"They were very impressive in the first 20 minutes but then died. They had no system and just burned themselves out," he said.

"There are some excellent players at Lions and obviously in Danny Wright and Russell Stewart I have two of the best youngsters in the country," Noon said.



Nigel Lownds

"I will be demanding but fair. If I am going to put my all in, then I expect them to put theirs in too," Noon said.

— RICKY ROSSO



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# National Cup draw

Groupings for the 1984 NSL Cup, to be played during the one-month break scheduled in May/June for international matches, were announced this week: They are

- Group 1 Adelaide City, Blacktown City, Sydney City, West Adelaide.
- Group 2 Canberra Arrows, Parramatta Melb Eagles, Penrith City, Sydney Olympic.
- Group 3 APIA-Leichhardt, Newcastle Utd, St George, Wollongong City.
- Group 4 Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, Marconi, Sydney Croatia.
- Group 5 Green Gully, Heidelberg Utd, Melbourne Croatia, Macedonia.
- Group 6 Juventus, Footscray JUST, South Melbourne Hellas, Sunshine-George Cross.

The first round will be played on a group basis, similar to the World Cup, with six

groups each containing four teams. Each team will play against opponents within its group for a total of three matches.

The six group winners plus the two best runners-up determined by pointscore, or if equal, then goal differences, will proceed to the second round, which will be a straight knockout with the four winners proceeding to the semi-finals.

The Cup final, will be one match only. Venue will be determined by drawing lots.

The first match of Round 1 is scheduled for May 23, with the Cup Final scheduled for June 17.

The concept of playing the first round of the Cup on a group basis has been brought about by the need for clubs to play as much competition soccer as possible despite the break in the League competition; the need for clubs to continue to receive income by way of gate takings, so that cash flow is not adversely affected; and the need for continuity of matches as far as spectators are concerned.

# CORRECTION

The telephone number for Stephens Sport Travel is (02) 231 3933 and not (02) 231 3933 as incorrectly quoted in the National Soccer Annual.

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# AROK IS STATE COACH

Frank Arok has been chosen to select and coach the NSW state side to play Queensland in Brisbane on April 29.

In announcing his federation's decision to appoint

Arok, NSW president John Constantine said:

"You can never guarantee results, but our executive committee shall do all within its power to reverse last year's poor performance against Queensland. We have appointed

the best coach available for the job and will give him all possible assistance to field a strong team against our northern neighbors."

One wonders what Les Scheinflug thought about Mr. Constantine's comments.

— ALEX VESIC



Frank Arok

# MARCONI, CROATIA ARE PIVOTAL ARMS

By ALEX VESIC

Marconi and Sydney Croatia are up in arms about the decision of the NSW federation to switch the semi-final of the 1984 Ampol Cup from this Friday to Sunday, February 19.

Following the completion of quarter-final matches at St George Stadium on 10.30 pm last Sunday, it was announced that the semi-finals will be held at the same stadium this coming Sunday.

A meeting between the representatives of Croatia, Marconi and the NSWFF took place in the stands of St George Stadium immediately after the announcement, with Les Scheinflug and Ron Cavagnino voicing strong disapproval of the change in date for the semi-final fixture.

Representatives of Croatia, with president Tony Topic at the helm, supported Marconi, asking the president of the NSW federation, Mr. Constantine, to adhere to the previous plan to play the semi-finals on Friday and at Marconi rather than St George Stadium.

Marconi and Croatia, upon hearing of the original Friday, February 17, semi-final date-line, had arranged to play a friendly at Marconi Stadium this Sunday. Both clubs expected to collect at least \$10,000 from the gate money.

Mr Constantine was adamant that Sunday was much better from a crowd pulling point of view, to have a successful Ampol Cup. He also pointed out that at St George Stadium there's cover for 3,000 fans. That's not the case at Marconi Stadium.

Mr Constantine also was willing to "pick up" some expenses which Croatia and Marconi had incurred in arranging the match for this Sunday at Marconi Stadium.

"But who is going to give us the \$10,000 which we stand to lose if we don't play against Croatia on Sunday?" asked Scheinflug.

The NSW federation won't budge though, so this Sunday sees Marconi squaring up to Sydney City Hakoah in one semi-final. The other pits Sydney Croatia against St George Budapest. The first match starts at 6.45 pm and like it or not, St George Stadium is the venue.

Let's forget about club and federation politics and con-

## Tredinnick quits Newcastle

From page one

Kaiser claims to be surprised at the latest shock involving the sudden departure by Tredinnick but the player himself states that he told the club of his decision to quit before Christmas last year.

"I told Kenny (Kaiser) that I wanted to change clubs before all the turmoil," Tredinnick said.

"They couldn't offer me a contract then, and when, a week ago, they finally came with a contract, I already had decided to go."

"The reasons for me going are that I want a change and to play in Sydney. Also, I see a greater chance of being selected in the national team if I play closer to the coach's eyes."

He trained only once with coach Raul Blanco but that was enough to persuade him to join Melita. He will live in Gosford which is half way between Newcastle and Sydney. "I started to stagnate at Newcastle and I am happy to be at Melita. I am also hoping to get more press coverage in Sydney."

"The contract is for one year and I am happy with the terms," Tredinnick said.

## SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Fletcher 2) APIA 1 (Giampaolo)

HAKOAH: Konistis 5, O'Rourke 6, Lurch 7, Gomez 7, De Marigny 7, Boden 8, Fletcher 8, Barnes 7, A. Bottalico 6 (Patterson 58th). Coach: Eddie Thompson.

APIA: Parks 7, Spine 7, Pullen 6, Ziras 5, J. Bottalico 5, Butler 8, Bradley 7, Gray 7, Caban 5, De Ceglie 5 (Genovese 58th), Giampaolo 6 (Tredinnick 51st, 61). Coach: Fil Bottalico.

## SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Clinch) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 9, Woods 7, Tomasich 7, Vidale 8, Sterrey 9, Basic 7, Rezo

7, Meades 8, Savor 6, Arnold 6, Clinch 8. Coach: Atti Abonyi.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 5, Jennings 6, Dakos 7, Naumov 6, Phillips 7, Patikas 6, Katholos 6, Patalis 5 (Kalandis 62nd), Soper 5, Koussas 6. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

MARCONI 1 (Brown) BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Thornthwaite) Marconi won 4-3 on penalties.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 7, Wheatley 8, Shaw 7, Dunleavy 7, Pointer 7, Selvaev 8, Bourke 6, Byrne 8, Thornthwaite 8, Larkin 7, Sandy 7. Coach: Casey de Bruijn.

MARCONI: James 9, Djordjevic 6, Licata 7, R. Budini 6, Henderson 6, Calderen 5 (Gunning

template the outcome of what should be two scintillating contests.

Despite Croatia's great quarter-final success over Olympic, it's asking a bit too much to expect the team to knock off last year's NSL champion side. Then again, Olympic is the current National Cup holder!

Marconi and Hakoah are stacked full of youngsters. Indeed, this game has some of the finest young talent in NSW on show. I know I'm sticking out my neck here but I'm tipping a win to Marconi. Just.

## Croatia 1 Olympic 0

Attila Abonyi was all smiles after his side, Croatia Sydney, bundled National Cup holder, Sydney Olympic, out of the Ampol Cup. And he had every reason to smile. His astute off-season purchasing proved decisive in this match with Steve Meades and Shane Clinch, who came to Croatia from Sutherland, proving instant successes.

Following a corner kick from Drago Rezo in the second half, Meades struck first and as the ball travelled across the box Clinch hooked it past Wilson and into the roof of the net.

Apart from that goal Meades and Clinch combined throughout this match to completely baffle Croatia's more fancied opponent. Croatia's enthusiasm and drive took Olympic by surprise.

Vidale and Sterrey at the back, with enormous support from Basic, Rezo and Meades in midfield, completely shut out Olympic's path to goal and Soper, Koussas, Katholos and Patikas had very little room to move.

On the stroke of half time, Arnold broke through on the right then crossed low for Vidale to backheel past Wilson, but Gary Phillips made an incredible clearance off the line to keep the scoreline blank.

Then came Croatia's decisive goal five minutes into the second half.

Olympic did have a couple of opportunities during this period. The first came after 54 minutes when a Soper shot deflected to Terry Patalis about 10 metres from goal. Out came Watson and Patalis shot against the post!

Olympic came at Croatia in the closing stages and with six minutes left got its best chance. Koussas was through, only to be pulled from behind inside the area and referee Lorenc had no hesitation in awarding Marconi a penalty. Soper struck the ball hard but Watson flew to his right to catch it, a superb save from a great keeper.

## APIA 1 S.C. Hakoah2

Depleted APIA came unstruck against a virtual Sydney City youth team, losing this quarter-final, but not after controversy in the dying seconds of the match.

APIA went ahead after only seven minutes. A Caban cross then a Giampaolo header straight at Konistis, went off the APIA keeper's arms and into the net. A messy goal, but one which looked like just the beginning for APIA. With Konistis looking shaky, it seemed only a matter of time before APIA would score more goals.

## Hmmm, not bad Blacktown

### Marconi 1 Blacktown 2

By PAUL GOODWIN

Marconi may have been expected to outmatch Blacktown in both speed and skill, not to mention stamina. This was not to be and the return to National League status by the western Sydney team should, on this performance, be a successful one.

Blacktown dominated in midfield and with the greater share of possession could have had a handful had its strikers been sharper.

It took the lead in the 12th minute with a super, long-range shot from Thornthwaite which surprised James by finding the far top corner of the net.

Marconi had a very effective striking force. Lowe, Brown and Winn were a delight to watch but received poor service. Brown made it 1-1 when he took off on a dazzling solo run from just inside the Blacktown half, took on a string of defenders and scored a fine goal.

Blacktown came back and looked set to regain the lead. John Larkin was upended in the penalty area in the 34th minute and Gary Byrne, normally the surest of penalty takers, shot low to the right of James and the "keeper" had plenty of time to turn the ball round the post.

Blacktown made it hard for Marconi in the second half and displayed far greater stamina. In the closing stages it was all Blacktown as Stuart Selvaev hit the crossbar, Larkin foiled by a dive from James and finally a Thornthwaite effort was brilliantly turned round the post by the "keeper".

Extra time was entertaining and fast and James had to save a Sandy shot which looked destined to seal the match for Blacktown.

Ultimately, penalties decided the team to progress to the semis and it was a dejected Blacktown which trooped off the field after the spot kicks had been taken.

Marconi players were successful with all their attempts while Blacktown (even when

But as the game progressed it was the youthful Hakoah which made the breaks.

Evergreen Kenny Boden showed some of his magic as Barton Park to completely outclass its opponents and create the opportunity for the equaliser.

After only six minutes of the second half, Boden came through the middle of the park, drew one defender, before splitting the APIA defence with a superb ball for Graeme Fletcher and the rest was easy. Fletcher was just too fast for Jimmy Bottalico and as Parks came out he struck it firmly to make it 1-1.

Just 17 minutes were left in the game as Fletcher ran wild again. He outpaced Jim Ziras as if his opponent was standing still, then ran around Parks and cheekily walked the ball into the net!

APIA came back at Hakoah and looked set to send the match into extra time when John Bradley scored in the 77th minute. However, linesman Emanuel Loupis stood firm on the side line indicating

## Penrith 1 St George 4

### National League newcomer Penrith City, having disposed of State League club Auburn a week earlier, on penalties, faced real opposition for the first time in this fixture.

The early stages of the game were a nightmare for the new Penrith defence, as right from the start St George piled on the pressure, causing "keeper" Gibson to mishandle an early cross then another which Ratcliffe got a touch to.

The ball struck a defender, took a deflection, then sent Gibson the wrong way. Two minutes later Rob O'Shea shot powerfully from close range. The ball ricocheted off Cross and once again Gibson was wrong footed, finding himself picking the ball out of the net.

Ian Hunter, whose signing was completed only minutes before the kick-off, made a subdued debut and recent English recruit Brian Jackson only showed glimpses of his likely value.

St George used the offside trap and bemused some of the Penrith strikers who proved hesitant when confronted with his tactic.

Mickey Cross, who probed deep into St George territory, made a fine run in the 48th minute, finding Cotton, whose confident shot to the left of Fraser reached the roof of the net and pegged one back for the mountain men.

Fitzharris, another English recruit, made a useful contribution presenting Coussou with a chance to level after 53 minutes.

Bradley was offside. Minutes earlier APIA had scored another goal only to be denied again by Loupis.

The linesman looked firm and for that alone, plus the backing he received from referee Brian Fowler, he must be applauded. Far too many linesman of late have put their flags down after initially signalling for offside.

Hakoah, with only Murray Barnes as the only regular from 1983 and Gerald Gomez and Kenny Boden, combined with last year's youth team to outplay highly fancied APIA.

Harry Re, De Marigny and Fletcher looked in good touch with Boden the star of his side. Back to his brilliant best, Boden moved across the turf with speed and venom. His every touch of the ball threatened to wrong-foot the flat footed APIA defence of APIA while his younger team mates ran off his as if they always have played in the same side. In fact they did last year, in Hakoah's youth league champion side.

## ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (R. O'Shea 2, Ratcliffe, Koczka) PENRITH CITY 1 (Cotton)

ST GEORGE: Fraser 7, Skoen 8, R. O'Shea 7, Barton 6 (Ricoy 40th, 7), Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, Slater 8, Petkovski 6, Koczka 7, J. O'Shea 7, Marton 8 (Darlington 68th). Coach: Frank Arok.

PENRITH: Gibson 5, Brogan 6, Cross 7, Daley 7, McIntosh 6, Fitzharris 7, Nix 5 (Hale 51st, 5), Jackson 6, Cotton 7, Coussou 5, Hunter 6. Coach: Willie Wallace.

utes, but the former Marconi player was goal shy once more.

St George woke up in the 65th minute when Koczka picked up a loose ball provided by John O'Shea and put the champs back in full control.

Four minutes later, Robbie Slater was brought down in the box when attempting an easy shot and the penalty was converted by Rob O'Shea.

# BALL TO BE WON!

Here are this week's questions, the answers to which can all be found in our National Soccer Annual, now on sale at your newsagents, price \$1.50.

The first correct entry received each week wins a Mitre Socceroo ball and all weekly winners go into the barrel for a grand prize to be announced later, which will be drawn at the end of the season. This week's questions:

1. Who is the all time longest serving Socceroo goalkeeper?
2. Which player won the Bill Fleming Medal in Victoria in 1983?
3. Which club won South Australia's Ampol cup in 1983?
4. Which player scored most goals in

Australia's Merlion Cup tour?

5. Which player won the N.S.W. Rothmans Medal in 1983?

Send your entries to: Soccer Action Quiz, 603 Little Lonsdale St., Melbourne, VIC.

The winner of last week's quiz is BILLY ANDRICH of 3 Ti Tree Court, Viewbank, Vic., 3084.

The correct answers were: 1. Gary Cole, 2. Anthony Franken, 3. Liam Monagle, 4. Queensland, 5. Phil Neale — own goal.

## Theodorakopoulos finally set to switch?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Nick Theodorakopoulos's delayed transfer from Canterbury to Sydney Olympic was expected to be finalised as we went to Press.

"We have concluded all negotiations with the player, but it depends on a meeting of the Canterbury committee, which is to set the transfer fee," Olympic president Jim Petinellis said on Monday.

The fee was expected to be \$6000.

Olympic player Lou Dounis, a forward, and Paul Ioannidis, a midfielder, have played on loan to Canterbury in the Ampol Cup, and now that Canterbury wants to sign them on a permanent basis, the cost of the two was expected to come off Theodorakopoulos's transfer fee.

Theodorakopoulos was top scorer in the NSW State League last season.

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## Socceroos to meet China

Australia and China last week agreed to a regular soccer series between the two countries.

The prime Minister, Mr Hawke, announced this after talks with his Chinese counterpart, Premier Zhao Ziyang.

It is understood Australian and China will play three matches in China at the end of the year. This would be the first of a regular series.

# Makedonia eyes the NSL title

## Makedonia 3 Juventus 0

Gary Cole, transferred by Heidelberg for about \$22,000 last Wednesday, scored twice in his debut, against Juventus, and put the finishing touch to what, potentially, is a championship-winning team.

At the same time as Cole's arrival, Claude Lucchesi settled his differences with Makedonia (see page 12) and made a comeback in this game. Ollerton still hopes to sign Robbie Dunn from West Adelaide Hellas, but already you can sense the fierce competition within the squad.

With Graham Heyes to return after a lay-off last week due to an ankle injury, the players know that some of them will have to miss out.

Zoran Iloski, unimpressive in earlier Cup matches, lifted his form accordingly, and was among the best fielded against Juventus, doing a power of work in midfield.

But although Makedonia's score looks convincing, Juventus should have won the match in the first 20 minutes. Once Cole had scored, however, Juventus lost heart and Makedonia gained it.

Juventus had Billy Rogers back after a long long-off due to a back injury. It was Rogers' task to mark Cole, and although Cole scored twice, Rogers showed all his usual fighting qualities.

The best player of the match, by far, was Juventus winger Andrew Zinni. His verve and, more than anything, his fluidity of movement, remind me of the way Brazilians play.

He's fast as a bullet, skilful, cheeky, fearless, tricky, entertaining, ebullient, full of fire — need I go on?

And Juventus, as a team, matched Zinni's qualities in those memorable first 20 minutes.

As early as the second second, tigerish Robbie Cullen who marked Zarko Odzakovic with success, as well as engineering so many moves with his dashing play, found himself on the ball, unmarked, in front of goal, but George McMillan took it off Cullen's foot.

8th minute: Zinni plays an inspired pass wide to Fabio Incantalupo in a devastating breakaway attack, but Gary Ward is caught offside.

8th minute: Makedonia strikes back. George Campbell gets the ball to Odzakovic who beats a challenge by Cullen and has the goal at his mercy, but misses!

9th minute: It's Juve again. John Dowie puts the ball into attack for Zinni who chases to the line and cuts the ball back for a header by Ward. Goalkeeper Steve Potter however, deflects it into the air, and it bounces off the top of the crossbar. The action has been started by Joe Sweeney who has won the ball in a courageous challenge on McMillan — you have to be courageous to challenge McMillan.

11th minute: After a corner, a header by Rogers is blocked on the line.

11th minute: Ward, on the turn, is blocked by Potter on the ground.

13th minute: A sweet pass by Zinni to Incantalupo whose low shot beats Potter, but hits the bottom of the post. Cullen follows up, and this time Potter turns it for a corner.

17th minute: Sweeney runs to the right side of the penalty area and crosses back to the

left side, where Incantalupo, rising above defenders, heads just over the top.

21st minute: Cullen passes to Incantalupo, in the clear on the left. Zinni waits in the middle for Incantalupo's lob but Incantalupo shoots straight at Potter instead.

After all that activity by Juventus, the match turned Makedonia's way.

Lucchesi, on the right, sends the ball square, about knee-high to Cole, who's being marked by Pat Bannon.

Bannon falls while trying to clear, Cole brings the ball down deftly and slams it past Sean Keogh for the first goal.

A minute before half time, it's another recruit who scores for Makedonia. Ian Dobson, who has been playing well as stopper, moves to the far post and heads home a cross from George Campbell.

Makedonia is in command now. Iloski crosses to the far post where Campbell hits a vicious volley a little too high. Ljube Petrovski robs Ward in Makedonia's defence, sends the ball forward to Lucchesi and another goal seems inevitable. Lucchesi, however, misses from inside the area.

Referee Bernie Upjohn takes his time about letting someone come on to attend to Incantalupo who's down behind play, in obvious pain. Finally he pays attention, and Incantalupo is carried off and replaced by Kevin Lloyd.

Ward has a chance on a loose ball in the middle, but a powerful tackle by Dobson stops him, and then, on a square ball from Richard Miranda, Ward misses on the turn.

Still it's Makedonia. Cole is just inside as he runs through onto a long ball from Campbell, but Keogh gets one hand at Cole's blistering shot to take the momentum from it, and Harry Hird clears.

Juventus, though, has found a second wind.

Sweeney runs at goal on a lob from Dowie, and looks set to score until McMillan clears off the line.

A nice pass from Odzakovic sends Cole away on the run, past Pat Bannon, Hird and goalkeeper Keogh before the big striker plants the ball into the net for his second.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## LAURIE GAFA DIES

Broadmeadows was shocked by the sudden death of assistant coach Laurie Gafa last Friday.

Gafa, 41, served the club faithfully for well over 15 years, both as a player and committeeman. He is survived by his wife Mary and young son Matthew.

"Soccer Action" joins with the Broadmeadows club in expressing its deepest sympathy to the Gafa family.



Phil O'Connor

## Jim Campbell still could join Croatia

### Heidelberg 0 Croatia 0

Croatia's best Buffalo Gold Summer Cup performance was in its opening game against Preston Makedonia and it's reasonable to assume that should Croatia's decline, performance wise, continue, then it will struggle in its semi-final.

In Croatia's defence, Heidelberg put out its strongest line-up to date in the cup. Don Macleod was back at the heart of Heidelberg's rearguard and he ruled every cloy of turf he trod upon.

Both sides played players out of position. Croatia's Tommy Cumming never was comfortable in his central-midfield role, deputising for Jeff Faulkner, who had laryngitis. Nevertheless, Cumming worked his heart out. So what's new?

Young John Gabrielson also played in a central midfield role. Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey's tactical transplant here brought little positive rewards, nevertheless, Gabrielson's direct opponent, Croatia's Jozo Antolovic was quiet. Very quiet.

Croatia wants to improve its central midfield personnel. Coach Terry Hennessey, enamored with the ability of Heidelberg dissident Jim Campbell, thought last week that the Socceroo midfielder would be a Croatia player at last. We hear that Hennessey, Croatia spokesman Frank Burin and Campbell agreed terms only to have their hopes dashed by a thumbs down sign from the full Croatia committee.

Croatia president Joe Sigur balked at the transfer and contract outlay required to get Campbell into a Croatia strip. As we went to press Sigur was trying to get Campbell's price down and buy him after all.

Phil O'Connor, in transfer and contract terms, the most expensive Heidelberg newcomer since the advent of the National League back in 1977, was flown down from his Wollongong home, for this game. He looked incredibly sharp early but saw too little of the ball for most of the match.

He surged past an opponent in the 6th minute and shot well but Croatia goalie Peter Blasby was in fine position to save easily.

**PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 3 (Cole 22nd & 68th, Dobson 34th) JUVENTUS 0** at Olympic Park, Friday night. Referee: Bernie Upjohn. Crowd: about 5000.  
MAKEDONIA: Potter 8 — Opasinis 8, Dobson 8, McMillan 8, Petrovski 6 — Iloski 8, Flavell 8, Odzakovic 7 — Lucchesi 6, Cole 8, Campbell 6. Coach: Peter Ollerton.  
JUVENTUS: Keogh 7 — Miranda 6, P. Bannon 6, Rogers 7, Hird 7 — Cullen 8, Dowie 6, Incantalupo 7, (inj. sub Lloyd 49th) — Sweeney 8, Ward 6, Zinni 9. Coach: John Margaritis.

**HEIDELBERG UNITED 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 0** at Olympic Park, Friday night. Crowd: about 5000. Referee: Voutinas 8.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Oliver 7 — McKie 7, Macleod 8, Angelle 7, Spanos 7 — Selemidis 6, Salvo 6, (inj. Tasios 46th), Gabrielson 5, Valentine (inj. Petersen 20th, 4, Krajacic 62nd) — O'Connor 6, Patterson 7. Coach: Brian Garvey.  
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8, Parton 7, Adams 7, Hannah 6 — Biskic 7, Antolovic 5, Cumming 7, Gojevic 6 — Brogan 6, Latif 4. Coach: Terry Hennessey.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown 59th, French own goal 69th) CROYDON CITY 0** at Olympic Park, Saturday night. Ref: Peter Splers. Crowd: about 3000.

HELLAS: Laumets 6 — Russell 7, Blair 6, Yzendoorn 6, Kalafatis 8 — Kanesoulis 5, Halford 6, Crino 7, Wooddin 5 — Brown 7, Egan 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Rainey 6, Singleton 9, Ormond 6, Marley 9 — Brown 6, Tkachuk 5, Lucio Saisi 4 (Bates 60th) — I. Loughnane 7, French 3, Kiley 3. Coach: Colin Masler.

**FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Paton pen. 9th, 52nd) GREEN GULLY AJAX 2 (Smallman 70th, Kremers 71st)** at Olympic Park, Saturday night. Crowd: about 3000. Referee: Zoumas 5.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Krizanic 8 — Stojcevski 7, Davis 7, Hazabent 7 — Curcovic 7, Belic 7, Clayworth 6, O'Donnell 7 — Carroll 7, Paton 8, Tutill 8. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: P. Denys 7 — Krizanic (inj. P. Beranic 29th, 5), Cannell 7, Kremers 7, Hogben 7 — Mancinelli 6, Vassallo 7, Boyle 6, Williams 7 — Smart 6, Smallman 6. Coach: Jimmy Rooney.



Andrew Zinni of Juventus is fouled by Makedonia goalkeeper Steve Potter. Gary Cole is in the background.



Two tough men in action. At right Preston Makedonia's George McMillan strikes a now familiar pose as Juventus striker Joe Sweeney tries to shield the ball. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## Lewis appeals soon

The ASF will tomorrow (Thursday) set a date for transfer fee appeals by Peter Lewis and Paul Lewis of Green Gully Ajax. Peter Lewis is quoted at \$22,000 and Paul Lewis at \$30,000.



Graham French

## FRENCH FOR \$5000

Croydon City made a quick move after Thursday night's training session to sign Graham French from Juventus for a reported transfer fee of \$5,000.

French had been training with Croydon City over the past few weeks in order that Colin Hasler, Croydon's coach, could assess French's ability to fit into the Croydon rebuilding programme.

Hasler's policy has been to work with the young players of the club and look around for one or two key position players.

"There are a lot of talented soccer players in this area and Graham French is one of them," said Hasler.

When asked why he had signed for Croydon, French said he was "impressed by Croydon City's ambitions" and that he agreed with the coach's attitude of developing young local players.

This matches his belief, as a local resident, that there should be sporting identities within the community.

Hasler believes he now has a player who will add experience and know-how to the team.

"Over the few weeks that Graham has been with us I have noticed a keener commitment by the younger players," said Hasler.

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# HELLAS, CROATIA FOR THE FINAL!

Alan Davidson and Ken Murphy return to the Hellas team, Graham Heys may be back for Makedonia, Jeff Faulkner could return to the Croatia side, and J.U.S.T. will be strengthened by Gary McDowell as the Buffalo Summer Cup enters its final stages.

Hellas and Makedonia meet in the first semi-final at Olympic Park on Friday night.

J.U.S.T. and Ajax will meet tonight (Wednesday) in a replay to decide which side meets Croatia in the second semi-final on Saturday.

The Saturday semi will be preceded at 6.40 pm by the Buffalo Junior Summer Cup final between Heidelberg-Alexander and St Albans Dinamo.

Ajax hopes that Bobby Toal will be

By LAURIE SCHWAB

back in time for tonight's replay, but Steve Short may remain out of action due to injury.

Zdravko Lujic has missed two games due to a serious hand injury sustained at work and it remains to be seen whether he can come back for tonight's game — or perhaps for the semi-finals if J.U.S.T. wins the replay.

And win it should. With Gary McDowell back in the team, Suleiman Curovic can push up again into midfield, instead of playing in defence as he did last Saturday.

On the other hand, coach Bobby McLachlan may like to use McDowell in midfield, from where he could provide the team with enormous drive.

Ajax has been woeful throughout the competition, and despite its last-minute

comeback last Saturday, I can't see any result other than a J.U.S.T. victory tonight.

Hellas probably will drop Steve Woodin and John Kanesoulis to make room for Davidson at right midfield, and Murphy on the left. Murphy missed last week's game due to stitches in a leg injury.

Davidson's appearance is sure to boost the crowd — not that it needs much boosting, with the presence of such crowd-pleasers as Zarko Odzakovic, Oscar Crino, Gary Cole, Doug Brown and — if he plays as well again, Zoran Illoski.

Hellas has been far from impressive in this competition, but I think it will beat Makedonia, which however, is bristling with confidence and enthusiasm after its 3-0 victory over Juventus and its purchase of Gary Cole.

Coach Peter Ollerton has one problem. If Heys is fit again after his ankle injury, who will he replace?

If Faulkner returns to the midfield in Saturday's semi-final, Croatia coach Terry Hennessy can push Tommy Cumming back into attack where he is so deadly.

But both Faulkner and his fellow midfielder Jozo Antolovic will have to improve dramatically on performances in this competition so far. Neither has been effective — hence Croatia's interest in Jim Campbell of Heidelberg.

If it meets Ajax in the semi-final, Croatia will win easily, as Ajax has little to offer.

J.U.S.T., on the other hand, would be a more difficult opponent and a match between these two could go either way.

I'd still lean towards Croatia, though, due to its far superior forward line.



Alan Davidson

## Stars now respect Davidson

From page one

They call Davidson "Roo" in England. He was hesitant and unsure of his own ability when he first left Australia, to trial with Bayern Munich in West Germany.

But his confidence grew when he gained acceptance from Rummenigge and the other German stars, and when finally, Bayern offered him a contract.

But Bayern already had its quota of overseas players, meaning Davidson would have had to wait around for a vacancy to be created.

Instead, he moved on to Arsenal.

"At first the other players wouldn't give me the ball at training," he said yesterday at his parents' home in Altona.

"But gradually I earned the respect, and in practice games, guys like Woodcock, Sansom and the goalkeeper, Jennings, all started getting me involved."

"I also found that these super stars were only human. At training, I often had to mark Woodcock and Nicholas, and I was never out of my depth. After a month, I was just one of the boys."

"The soccer in England is very powerful and very physical — much different to Germany, where there's a lot more emphasis on skill, and slow build-ups."

"It's all one-touch play in England. If you stop the ball, you know you'll get hit."

"In one training session, Tommy Caton went straight through me. I still feel it in my knee. But you're expected to get up straight away, so I said to myself, 'OK, that's the way it is, I can't complain.'"

"But I gave as good as I got. Playing as right back in training, I hit the forwards hard. Nicholas had to go in one night. He couldn't finish the training session after I'd hit him with a tackle."

Davidson's progress at Arsenal was monitored closely by the Fleet Street Press, which rang him every day for progress reports on his work permit application, for stories about Australia, and for his impressions about Arsenal.

Glowing reports were written about him after he had set up three goals in his first practice match, a 4-0 victory over Gillingham, in which he was the best player afield.

And the Arsenal players, highly competitive and acutely aware that there always is a better player around the corner, had reason to curse Davidson's superior fitness.

For he beat the rest of them by an incredible six minutes in a three-quarter-hour cross country run!

Davidson returns as a much better player.

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## The end of a dream run for Croydon

### Hellas 2 Croydon 0

Croydon's fairytale dream lasted for exactly 199 minutes of Buffalo Summer Cup action.

Had it beaten Hellas, Croydon would have advanced to the semi-finals. Even a draw with Hellas would have left Croydon with a chance. In fact, a draw would have put Croydon into the semi, on goal difference.

The only State League team in the series, Croydon earlier had registered scoreless draws with J.U.S.T. and Ajax, and some of its players — Eddie Ormond, Mark Brown and Ian Loughane in particular had rated among the best in the competition.

Sweeper David Singleton and left back Steve Marley added their names to that list against Hellas, but even their stirring defensive efforts proved insufficient in the long run.

Lou Kastner replaced Mike Edwards in Croydon's goal for his match, while Charlie Egan returned for Hellas, replacing Ken Murphy who was injured. John Kanesoulis should have put Hellas in front as early as the fifth minute, when he had the ball five metres out, unmarked, but he missed.

Doug Brown let go a powerful drive on the run but Kastner, in good form, deflected it past the post for a corner.

Marley dived at the feet of Egan with a tackle inside the penalty area to prevent a Hellas goal just after half time, and then Croydon got its chance to take the lead.

John Vzendorn sent a sloppy back-pass in the general direction of goalkeeper

Peter Laumets, but Loughane intercepted it. He tried to push the ball past Laumets, into a scoring position, but pushed it a little too hard, and it beat him over the line next to the post.

Shortly afterwards, Loughane was heading for goal in the middle. Vzendorn fouled him, Loughane kept going momentarily, then stumbled and fell. Referee Peter Spiers had played the advantage but when Loughane went down, he brought the ball back for a free kick. That's what's called having two bob each way.

In the 57th minute, Graham French, playing his first game for Croydon since his transfer from Juventus, took his first shot at goal. Laumets repelled it with a powerful punch, and the ball went out to Oscar Crino who started a breath taking attack, running through the midfield and inter-passing on the way, but it amounted to nothing.

The deadlock finally was broken in the 59th minute. Egan got away on the right, with Brown making a parallel run through the middle. The Croydon defence was in disarray, as Egan played the ball square and Brown side-footed it in on the line.

Egan and Brown cut loose now and in another one of their combinations, a curling shot by Brown hit the post.

French did manage to cap his debut game for Croydon with a goal. Trouble is, he scored for the wrong side.

Standing in goal as a defender, marking Egan, French tried to repel a shot from Steve Woodin. In doing so, he got in a tangle and inadvertently pushed the ball into his own net for Hellas's second goal.

LAURIE SCHWAB

### Buffalo Gold Summer Cup standings:

#### SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SM-Hellas.....	3	0	0	4	0	6
Foots J.U.S.T.....	0	2	1	2	3	2
GC-Ajax.....	0	2	1	2	3	2
Croydon.....	0	2	1	2	2	2

This week's games: Tonight (Wednesday) at 8 pm: replay between J.U.S.T. and Ajax to determine semi-finalist. Extra time and penalties if necessary.

Saturday, 8 pm: Croatia v J.U.S.T. or Ajax (semi-final). Curtain-raiser, 6.45 pm: Buffalo Gold Junior Cup: Heidelberg Alexander v St Albans Dinamo.

#### SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia.....	1	2	0	4	1	4
Makedonia.....	1	1	1	3	3	3
Heidel-Alexander.....	0	3	0	1	1	3
Juventus.....	0	2	1	2	5	2

This week's games: Friday, 8 pm: Hellas v Makedonia (semi final)



Ken Smart, Ajax's recruit from Albion Rovers, with J.U.S.T.'s Brian O'Donnell in the background (right).

## BEST SO FAR

"Soccer Action's" all-star team, chosen on performances in the first three rounds of the Buffalo Summer Cup:

Jan McKIE (Hellas)	Josip BISKIC (Croatia)	David SINGLETON (Croydon)	Oscar CRINO (Hellas)
Tommy CUMMING (Croatia)	Eddie ORMOND (Croydon)	Zarko ODZAKOV (Makedonia)	Doug BROWN (Hellas)
	Chris KALAFATIDIS (Hellas)	Andrew ZINI (Juventus)	



Doug Brown — after scoring against Croydon.

## Travellin' men in black

How's this for dedication?

Rudi Simonis, a Victorian Grade Two referee who just has been promoted to NSL linesman, travels from Benalla to Melbourne twice a week, for training and matches — and has been doing so for about five years!

Two other Victorian referees are just as crazy about their soccer.

Paul Amadei travels down from Shepparton, and Ray McCuskey from Morwell.

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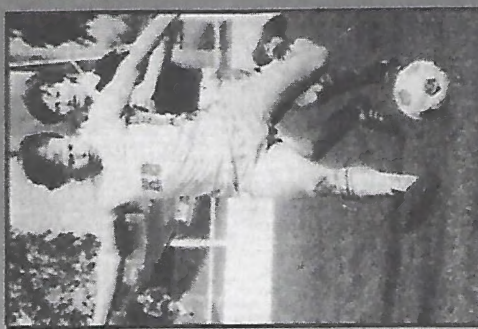
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Peter Katholos of Sydney Olympic, in action for Australia.



Newcastle defender Howard Treddinnick.



Hellas striker Charlie Egan.



Peter Petkovski - an exciting youngster from St. George Budapest.



Aclade City midfielder Sergio Malta (right) being chased by Blacktown's new signing from Canberra Arrows, Gary Byrne.

# 1984 NSL FIXTURES

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

### ROUND 1 3-4 March

(Intra Conference Challenge)

1. Blacktown v Sydney City
2. Canberra v Adelaide
3. APIA-Leich v Marconi
4. Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic
5. Penrith v Newcastle Utd.
6. St. George v Sydney Olympic

### ROUND 2 10-11 March

1. APIA-Leich v Melita Eagles
2. Marconi v Blacktown
3. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
4. Penrith v Canberra
5. St. George v Adelaide
6. Sydney Olympic v Blacktown

### ROUND 3 17-18 March

1. Blacktown v Melita Eagles
2. Canberra v Sydney Olympic
3. Newcastle Utd. v APIA-Leich
4. St. George v Marconi

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

### ROUND 10 5-6 May

1. Blacktown v Sydney Olympic
2. APIA-Leich v Canberra
3. Marconi v Newcastle Utd.
4. St. George v Penrith
5. Sydney Olympic v Adelaide
6. Melita Eagles v Sydney Olympic
7. Newcastle Utd. v St. George
8. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.

### ROUND 11 12-13 May

1. Newcastle v Sydney Olympic
2. Canberra v Marconi
3. Sydney Olympic v Adelaide
4. APIA-Leich v Newcastle Utd.
5. St. George v Sydney Olympic
6. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.
7. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
8. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.

### ROUND 12 19-20 May

1. Blacktown v Sydney Olympic
2. Canberra v Marconi
3. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
4. St. George v Penrith

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

### ROUND 20 11-12 August

1. Canberra v Adelaide
2. APIA-Leich v Marconi
3. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
4. Penrith v Newcastle Utd.
5. St. George v Blacktown
6. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.
7. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
8. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.

### ROUND 21 18-19 August

1. Blacktown v Marconi
2. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
3. APIA-Leich v Newcastle Utd.
4. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.
5. St. George v Sydney Olympic
6. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.
7. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
8. Sydney Olympic v Newcastle Utd.

### ROUND 22 25-26 August

1. Blacktown v Sydney Olympic
2. Canberra v Marconi
3. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
4. St. George v Penrith

The 1984 NSL season will have a one-month break for international matches. The National Cup will be played from start to finish during this period, with no exemption given to clubs with players on representative duty.

The final round of the NSL will be played on the weekend of October 6-7.  
A top five competition will be held in each region, and the regional grand finals are scheduled for October 28.

The national final between the two regional champions will be played home and away on November 1 and 4.  
During the season, as part of the competition, there will be three intra-conference challenge rounds and three inter-conference challenge rounds.  
In intra-conference games, the top team in the one conference plays the second-placed team, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and so on down the line.  
In inter-conference games, the top team of one conference plays the top team of the other, 2nd plays 2nd, 3rd plays 3rd etc.  
Points gained will be credited to the teams in their respective conference, and venues will be determined by the NSL.

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

### ROUND 20 11-12 August

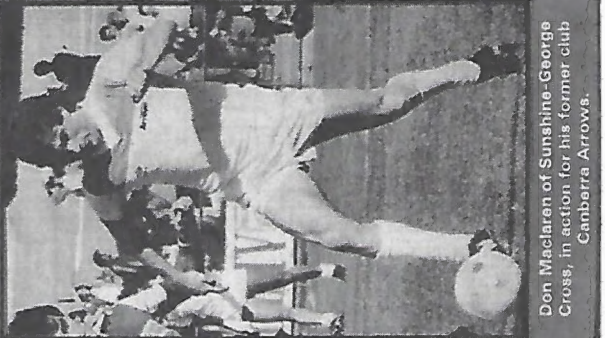
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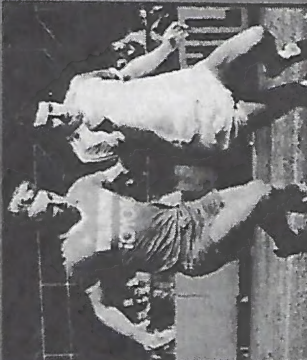
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2. Canberra v Marconi
3. Newcastle Utd. v Sydney Olympic
4. St. George v Penrith



Don MacLaren of Sunshine George Cross, in action for his former club Canberra Arrows.





**ROUND 4 24-25 MARCH**

1. Cerebras	1. Adel City	1. Syd Macedonia
2. AP1A Leich	2. Brish City	2. Syd Croatia
3. Marconi	3. Feats JUST	3. West Adel
4. Mella Eagles	4. Green G. Mex	4. Juvenate
5. Penith	5. Heidelberg	5. Brish Lions
6. Syd Olympic	6. Mobb Croatia	6. Sun George Cross
	7. Syd City	

**ROUND 5 31 March-1 April**

1. Becktonville v Canberra
2. Newcastle v Green G. Ajax
3. Melite Eagles v Marconi
4. St. George v Apis Leich
5. Syd Croatia v Syd City
6. Wollangong v Syd Olympic
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# ROUND 6 7-8 April

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**ROUND 7 14-15 April**  
*Inter Conference Challenge Round*

(Decided by placings on Conference table at the end of Round 5).

**ROUND 8 21-22 April**

1. Apa Leich	v	Syd City	1. Adel City	v	Juventus
2. Newcastle	v	Syd Olympic	2. Brib Lions	v	Foots JUST
3. Malaga Eagles	v	Wollongong	3. Green G. Ajax	v	Heidelberg
4. Penrith	v	Marconi	4. Melb Croatia	v	West Adel
5. St. George	v	Brib City	5. Prast Macedonia	v	Cabrera
6. Syd Croatia	v	Blacktown	6. Stb Melb Hellen	v	Sun George Cross

**ROUND 9: 25, 28-29 April**

1. Canberra	1. Arab City	v	Adla Leich
2. Melita Eagles	2. Juventus	v	Birbane Lions
3. Syd City	3. Ferts JUST	v	Haidelberg
4. Syd Olympic	4. Green G. Ajax	v	Adel City
5. Syd Olympic	5. Sh. Melb. Hottes	v	Presl. Macedonia
6. Wollongong	6. West Adel	v	Sun George Cross

**ROUND 13 23-24 June**

**ROUND 14 30 June-1 July**

<b>Eagles</b>	<b>Syd City</b>	<b>J. Juventus</b>	<b>V Mels Croatia</b>
<b>Blacktown</b>	<b>Blacktown</b>	<b>4. Foots JUST</b>	<b>v Prost Macedonia</b>

**ROUND 15 7-8 July**

1. Brian Lions v St. George  
2. Melbourne v Adelaide  
3. Perth v Brisbane

4. Sydney v St. George  
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**ROUND 18 28-29 July**

**Inter Conference Challenge Round**  
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**ROUND 19 4 - 5 August**

Leich	v	St. George		1. Brith Lions	v	Sun George Cross
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2. Foots JUST v Juventus  
3. Green G. Ajax v Canberra

**City Olympic**

v	Brisab City	v	Adel City
v	Syd Croatia	v	Prest Macedonia
v	Wellong	v	Stn Melb Hellas

4. Heidelberg  
5. Melb Croatia  
6. West Adel

### Inter conference challenge round

**ROUND 24 - 9 September**

(Based on Conference placings at the end of Round 21)

1. Canberra	v	West Adelaide	1. Juventus	v	Heidelberg
2. Newcastle	v	Adelaide City	2. Perth JUST	v	Sao George Cross
3. Melbourne	v	Brisbane Lions	3. Green G. Ajax	v	Prast Macedonia
4. Melling Eagles	v	St. George	4. St. Mark Hellas	v	Metz Croatia
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**ROUND 25 15 - 16 September**

1. Blacktown	v	Adel City	v	5th Melb Hellas
2. Ajax Leich	v	Brish Lions	v	Green G. Alz
3. Marconi	v	Heidelberg	v	West Adel
4. Melita Eagles	v	Melb Croatia	v	Foots JUST
5. Newcastle	v	Penrith	v	Pratt Macedonia
6. St. George	v	Wollongong	v	San George Cross

**ROUND 26 22-23 September**

1. Brish City	v	Merconi
2. Juventus	v	Sun George Cross
3. Foot JUST	v	Adel City
4. Green G. Ajax	v	Mels Croatia
5. 5th Melb Hellas	v	Brish Lions
6. West Adel	v	Pratt Macedonia
7. Blacktown	v	
8. Wellington	v	
9. Penrith	v	
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11. Canberra	v	
12. Sydney City	v	
13. Syd Croatia	v	
14. Syd Olympic	v	
15. Syd Olympic	v	
16. Wellington	v	

**ROUND 27 29 - 30 September**

1. Blacktown	v	Penrith	1. Brish Lions	v	Brish City
2. Aps Leich	v	Wollongong	2. Sun George Cross	v	Green G. Ajax
3. Newcastle	v	Cenberra	3. Mels Croatia	v	Juvatus
4. Syd City	v	Melita Eagles	4. Prest Macedonia	v	Foots JUST
5. Syd Croatia	v	Marconi	5. Sth Mels Hellas	v	Heidelberg

**ROUND 28 6 - 7 October**

based on Conference placings at the end of round 26)

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# DOCKERTY CUP

## Bravo Morrey!

Sandringham City and East Brunswick provided the first upsets of the 1984 Dockerty Cup by downing First Division clubs Werribee and Sunbury respectively.

Sandringham travelled to Werribee last Sunday for its first game under new player-coach Billy Morrey. Both teams had first teamers unavailable but the visitors shocked Werribee by taking a 20th minute lead when young winger Manoh Karpathakis pounced on a poor back pass. Morrey scored the goal of the game, a curling left footed free kick, in the 60th minute, to put the issue beyond doubt. Metro Third Division club

Port Melbourne got off to a shaky start against Northcote when new North signing, Steve McCombe, scored an own goal in the 4th minute. Port led 2-0 at the break but a three goal blitz in nine minutes of the second half gave North, newly promoted to First Division, a well deserved win. North's goals came from McCombe and Rob and Dave Nelson.

Results of last weekend's first preliminary round.  
Doncaster Rovers 3 Fernzie Gully 2; Loro United 2 Springvale United 1; Moorabbin City 1 Coburg 2; Brighton 1 Prahran 2; Port Melbourne 2 Northcote 3; Albion City 3 Sunbury 2; Werribee 0 Sandringham City 2; Sunbury United 1 East Brunswick 2.

## Wilhelmina's target

"Target 200" kicked off last week at Victorian State League club Ringwood Wilhelmina.

The brainchild of publicity officer Alan Clark, "Target 200" aims to sign up 200 members this year. Club membership costs \$40, which covers admission to every Wilhelmina home game in 1984, both league and cup. Full voting rights are afforded members who pay a \$60 subscription and life membership can be bought for \$300.

Fans interested in further membership information can contact Clark at work on 63 9487 or at home on 879 2303. Hans Lechner also can be contacted. He's on 762 1326.

"We're doing a number of things to make our home games an afternoon full of entertainment. Our match programmes and prizes will continue, as will our half-time result service from around the grounds. We also have a few surprises up our sleeves, especially for derbies against Croydon and Knox," said Clark.

## Kew wants Campbell

Kew City was hoping to sign Tom Campbell from Green Gully Ajax as we went to press.

Campbell's brother, Paul, who played with Kew last year, is set to sign for Frankston Pines.

Kew has retained almost all of last year's first team squad, including Andy Smale, George and Gary Keenan, Mark Kravac and Jimmy Houston.

Ron Conway, a young defender who won last year's reserves best and fairest, is making a strong bid for a first team spot, as is young striker Billy Henderson.

Chris Petrov, the former Footscray J.U.S.T. player, is coaching Kew, and is on the look-out for two newcomers to round off his first team pool.

# Hennessy a Hilman, Coyle and Panas to Suburbs?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Box Hill was trying to sign Dean Hennessy from Albion Rovers as we went to press while Northcote was chasing Mike D'Sylva, also from Albion, and Western Suburbs looked certain to sign Keiron Coyle from Albion and goalkeeper Bill Panas from Fawkner.

Broadmeadows still was negotiating for Harry McKinlay from Sunshine-George Cross.

Frankston Pines have the largest transfer list in State League. The listed players are: Danny Davidson, Kevin Wall, Ian McNeil, Brian Paulding, Lou Ivanoff, Sam Murray, Paul Luca, and Alex McConville. Pines still want to sign Stan Webster from Doveton.

Ringwood Wilhelmina and Northcote have shown interest in Wall, who has played with Green Gully Ajax and Frankston City and is a proven State League scorer.

Knox City, with new signing from Wilhelmina, striker Terry Masters, scoring on his debut against Doveton last Sunday, is the only Buffalo Cup outfit to have the maximum number of points going into the final round before the semi-finals.

Knox, three points clear at the top of Section "A", faces second placed Box Hill at Egan Lee Reserve this Sunday. The Hillmen only need to draw to make certain of a semi-final berth. The Peter Verechcia-Paul Priestley striking partnership is the biggest threat to Knox, however Box Hill is having problems in

midfield. Pedro Ramos still is troubled by injury and, of course, Richard Miranda has joined Juventus. Both players figured prominently in the Hillmen's fine season in 1983.

Knox clearly has been the surprise packed of the competition. Few expected the team to win all four Buffalo Cup games against older, more experienced outfits, however players like Ray Gurney and Greg Howe are destined to shine in State League.

Frankston Pines lie third in section "A", with Wilhelmina fourth. Both have four points from four games, one behind Box Hill, so should the Hillmen slip up against Knox, they'll open the door to the semi-finals for Pines or Wilhelmina. That's if Pines beat Northcote at John Cain Reserve and Wilhelmina beats Doveton at Jubilee Park.

Polonia has finished its campaign in section "B" and will lose second spot only if Fawkner produces a minor miracle and beats St Albans Dinamo at Churchill Reserve by seven goals. Dinamo player-coach Billy Vojtek has far too much pride in his club to allow his players to meekly succumb to Fawkner, so Polonia looks safe.

Battling Broadmeadows don't look capable of holding

section "B" leader Morwell Falcons at Laura Douglas Reserve on Sunday. Broadmeadows probably will line-up with newcomer Nigel Daniels in a defensive midfield role. Daniels was bought last week from Bell Park for \$500. He's a former Macarthur Town, Green Gully Ajax and Morwell Falcons player.

West Suburbs face Albion Rovers at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday in a game of no significance to the final stages of this year's Buffalo Cup. However, Suburbs coach Jimmy Condilis still is weighing up the quality of home of his players and a poor performance against a team which has conceded 17 goals in five games and scored just 4, could cause the axe to fall.

Suburbs were trounced 5-0 last weekend by Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve. Condilis though, wasn't dismayed by the result, pointing out that five first teamers — Frank Russell, Hugh Howe, Andy Esposito, George Lekkas and George Borg — were out injured.

Falcons must be very pleased with the early performances of imported English striker Russell Athersych, whose five goals in the Buffalo Cup so far make him leading competition scorer along with Fawkner's Bruno Cozzella.

# New jobs for Rujevic, Montalva, Mantarakis

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Victorian club Sandringham City was gearing for its first season in Metro Second Division since the early 1970's by trying to sign Steve Gadsby from Doveton and Chris Ogden from Albion Rovers as we went to press.

Sandringham has hired former Green Gully Winger Bill Morrey as player-coach and has retained Steve Walker, who was player-coach for the past two seasons. Gordon Cameron is assistant coach.

Former Soccerco great Jimmy Mackay has completely recovered from the broken ankle he received last season and has been retained along with winger Alan Quin, stopper Richard Plumb, striker Renato Poci, and Tony Dillon and Brian Greenwood. Young first team goalkeeper Zelko Karac was expected to remain at the club, despite the interest shown in him by two local NSL clubs.

The only loss from last year's first team squad has been Charlie Hendry, who has returned to Scotland.

Ian Finnegan has been tried out as sweeper in recent games and has been very impressive.

John "Shocker" Myles has retained the first team coaching job with Heidelberg Bundoora.

The Second Division club has lost Stan Davidson on a free to Northcote and seems



• Claudio Polita

certain to also lose Brian Coyle. Heidelberg-Bundoora wants to sign just three top players to mount a strong challenge for the title.

The club again is sponsored by Max Kirwan Mardo and is holding its annual Summer Tournament this Saturday, February 18. Clubs already entered for the tournament include Eltham, Rosanna, Greensborough, Diamond Valley, Prahran City and, of course, Heidelberg-Bundoora. Other clubs interested in competing should contact Mr. David Laycock at work on 350 6533.

Heidelberg-Bundoora midfielder Glenn Mowatt has returned from Queensland after a year-long absence.

Mrko Rujevic, the former midfielder of Footscray J.U.S.T., is player-coach of Ringwood United Serbia.

Bernie Parkin from Kew City is coaching Coburg this year. He replaces former Slavia player Billy Brindle, who wants to sign for new State League Knox City.

There's a hitch. Brindle has \$800 on his head. The fee's negotiable though. Parkin wants to play for



• Paul Lepore

Coburg as well as coach but he's yet to be released by Kew. Terry and Jeff Banigan have been training with Coburg and may join mid-fielder Gary Mallachan, the ex-Hakoah player, left yesterday (Tuesday) for a working holiday in the U.K. and could miss the entire season.

Oscar Montalva is back at the coaching helm with South Melbourne Mordiolac. The club wants to sign strikers and a midfielder. Former Hakoah player Billy Jordanow will stay with Mordiolac but is due to have an ankle operation shortly.

Ex-J.U.S.T. defender Billy Milne also looks like staying. Goalkeeper David Gilbert has been recommended highly to Sunshine-George Cross and don't be surprised to see him moving there.

Prahran City, now backed by the Melbourne branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters Club, one time backers of Kew, has hired well known Celtic supporter Billy Millan as coach, and was interested in signing Davis Stuart from Albion Rovers and Paddy McElhinney from Sandringham.

Bill Morrey and David Webb are the only losses from last year's first team squad. Webb has returned to England.

Bulleen, promoted from the Provisional Leagues to Metro Third Division, and coached by Tony Skaro, has lost Laurie Boardman to Northcote and expected Don Sutherland to join Juventus and play

for the newly formed NSL Youth League in Victoria.

Bulleen expected Steven Zeechin to transfer to Essendon Triestina.

Port Melbourne's coach is United Ethernia, former assistant coach to John Margaritis and Tony Vrzina and a former Hellas striker.

Port has lost young midfielder Peter Tsolakis to Northcote but is set to sign some promising youngsters from Central City. Striker Andrew Theodorou already has been signed. Port's first team will comprise mainly young players and the club wants a couple of quality experienced players.

Ernie Gaiser, who played in Austria, is non-playing coach of Corio. He's a former Corio player, having first joined the club in the early 1970's.

Corio has lost Phil Glattback and Ron Coutts from last year's team. Glattback has joined Provisional League club Geelong United while Coutts transferred to Hamlyn Rangers for \$400.

Hamlyn Rangers, again coached by Frank Munro, ex-Wolves and Scottish international defender, have retained Alex Wark as well as goalkeeper Peter Nydhm, defender Martin Gilfoyle, and striker Mario Tacon.

There's doubt about Andy McMillan staying at Hamlyn but the Geelong-based outfit still expects to have a successful year in Third Division.

Hamlyn's major sponsors this year are: Bell Post Hill Liquor and Larder Store; Corio Chicken Store; and Lazer Furniture.

New VSF member club Border, in the Metro Fourth Division, may be one of the surprise packets of the season.

The Albion-based club finished 5th in the A.C.T. First Division last year.

Former Crystal Palace apprentice, Ringwood Wilhelmina, Box Hill and Moorabbin player Steve Atkins is Border's non-playing coach. "We don't know what to ex-

# Buffalo Cup details

## SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Knox City	5	4	0	1	7	8	
Box Hill	5	3	1	1	3	3	
Frankston Pines	5	1	2	2	3	4	
Wilhelmina	5	2	2	1	6	3	
Doveton	5	1	0	4	3	2	
Northcote	5	1	3	1	3	7	

## SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morwell Falcons	4	4	0	15	3	50	
Polonia	4	4	1	1	16	8	
Fawkner	4	4	0	1	18	9	
St Albans Dinamo	4	2	3	0	12	5	
Western Suburbs	4	2	1	1	12	5	
Broadmeadows	4	1	4	5	10	3	
Albion Rovers	4	0	6	5	2	3	

## ROUND 5

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Papachristodoulou 30th) FAWKNER 2 (Cozzella 24th, Lia 36th) at Chaplin Reserve, last Wednesday.

WESTERN SUBURBS: John Smith 7, Hamill 7, Diamantaris 7, Borg 6, Dimovski 6, Mathew 5, Dilbert 4 (Konstantinidis 42nd, Kakantasis 7, Papachristodoulou 6 — Filippis 6, Lazaropoulos 7. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

FAWKNER: Terzini 8 — Sabbadini 6, Fattore 6, Cavalieri 6, Giacomini 6 — Palikas 7, Palikas 7, G. Bannan 8, Lia 5 (J. Sannipoli 43rd), Cozzella 7, Garvey 7. Coach: Gus Macdonald.

ALBION ROVERS 0 MORWELL FALCONS 3 (McGuinness 22nd, Athersych 65th, T. van Baar 66th) at Selwyn Park, last Wednesday.

ALBION ROVERS: Cipri 7 — Galea 8, Rully 7, Berber 7, Stuart 7, Bennett 6, McIntyre 7 (Nightingale 56th), Spiteri 6, McMorrow 6, Kaddick 7, Reid 7. Coach: Billy McIntyre (Larkeville).

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Bingham 7, Moore 7, Higham 7, Clarke 8, T. van Baar 7, Mulla 8, O'Callaghan 7, Kent 7, Athersych 8, McGuinness 8. Coach: Jimmy Dunn.

BROADMEADOWS 0 Polonia 2 (Krynski 56th, Prybyla 59th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, last Wednesday.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 7 — Smart 6, Ellis 6 (Panzio 60th), Donaldson 6, Sander 6 — Watson 6, Wilson 6, Stoklos 6 — Kuna 6, Vasic 6, VACCARO 6. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Liparski 7, Gibson 6, Vathis 6, A. Czapnik 7 (Mitten 6, Tront 6, P. Czapnik 7, G. Bannan 7, Sannipoli 8 — Cozzella 8, Lia 7. Coach: Gus Macdonald.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 5 — Acosta 4 (Panzio N.T. 6), Ellis 5, Donaldson 7, Sander 5 — Watson 6, Wilson 5 (Sacco 65th), Stoklos 6, Kuna 5, Vasic 5, Vaccaro 6. Coach: Dave O'Connor.

MORWELL FALCONS 5 (McGuinness 10th, 58th, Athersych 20th, 51st, Clarke 42nd) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, last Sunday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Bingham 7, Moore 7, Higham 7, Clarke 7, Mulla 8, O'Callaghan 7, Kent 7, Athersych 8, McGuinness 8. Coach: Jimmy Dunn.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Alexopoulos 5 — Diamantaris 5, Hamill 5, Dimovski 6, Mathew 4 — John Condilis 5 (Konstantinidis N.T. 5), Kakantasis 5, Papachristodoulou 5 — Dilbert 6, Lazaropoulos 7, Filippis 7. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

## LEADING SCORERS

- 5 — Athersych (Morwell); Cozzella (Fawkner);
- 4 — McGuinness (Morwell); Sannipoli (Fawkner); Bruno (Dinamo); Krynski, Prybyla (Polonia);
- 3 — Vojtek (Dinamo); Bakker (Wilhelmina);

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# Shoulder is new youth boss, the hunt for talent begins

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

On his way back after starting at the top and working his way down

The appointment of Jimmy Shoulder as our new national youth team coach came as no surprise. It was rumored for months and known to carry the blessing of Sports Minister John Brown whose department is a medium-sized benefactor of the ASF.

Only few people may know whether Les Scheinflug was gently and decently eased out of the job or whether he was merely told of the decision. But knowing our ways...

With this, Jimmy Shoulder's second coming continues to reach new heights.

He did, you could say, start at the top, then work his way down and then back again, from the national team in 1977 to the backwaters of English soccer, then he AIS job in Canberra and now the youth team.

Clearly, he must be regarded as a serious candidate for the national team job — if not today, then tomorrow or soon after.

One hears of some welcome sanctions the NSL is about to introduce against clubs which don't comply with regulations. Fines, some of them very heavy, will be meted out to offenders.

That, anyway, is the theory. But any law is good only if it can be enforced.

In our case, it will be predictably different — as it always has been.

NSL general manager Stefan Kamasz will impose the sanctions for breaches of the rules — and there will be plenty — and then the club will begin its fight back.

It will go to the management committee, the ASF, Arthur George; it will lobby, threaten, cajole — and be forgiven. If Sydney Olympic could, with total impunity, call off a match last year simply because some of its stars were not available, then anything is possible in our jungle.

Pardon me if I seem to be trivial — but only small things really matter in life; big issues are usually beyond our reach or comprehension.

I'm talking about those cursed teamsheets at NSL matches. Two things puzzle me about them. One is why do club officials find it so difficult to fill them in properly and correctly?

The other is — why do referees tolerate it? Time and time again players appear on the field with the "wrong" numbers; a last minute change in the dressing room has turned the teamsheet into a scrap.

The result: occasionally the wrong player is "booked" and, then, suspended; chaos, confusion and argument.

The remedy is petty simple, really. Some short time before kick-off the referee should check the teamsheet, check that the numbers correspond with the players' shirts, sign the sheet — and permit no more changes.

If, during the game, he notices an irregularity, he should make a note of it and report it to the NSL.

And it is at this stage that the sanctions should come into force — see previous item.

Where will Peter Sharpe play this year? Or will he play at all?

The former Soccerroo winger's career is in serious doubt. Last season he came back, was rejected by Marconi and joined APLA on loan, for a certain fee.

This fee, as of last week, has not yet been paid. Now Sharpe has been training with Marconi, hoping to return to his old club, under some arrangement.

But now FIFA has stepped in. Acting on a complaint by Sharpe's Hongkong club, waiting for its 1983 "rental", FIFA has barred Sharpe from playing anywhere except for his Hongkong club, until the sordid financial matters are sorted out.

## Nice surprise for Richard Wilson

Richard Wilson received a pleasant surprise when, on a visit to Christchurch for a Christmas break, he learned that he had regained his place in the New Zealand national squad.

It was the Preston Madeonia goalkeeper's parents who broke the news as New Zealand's Federation had neglected to notify him personally!

As one of four goalkeepers in the 22-strong squad, he obviously still has some way to go before claiming the All Whites' No. 1 jersey as his own again, but must be gratified by coach Allan Jones' acknow-

ledgement of him as a contender.

Should Wilson be included in the final party for the next stage of New Zealand's Olympic Games campaign, he probably will be away from NSL action during the whole of April.

The Kiwis meet Malaysia in three warm-up games on April 1, 5 and 8 in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch respectively, before flying to Singapore, where they contest a qualifying series which is not due to be completed until the 29th of the month.

New Zealand faces Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and South Korea and automatically wins a place in Los Angeles if topping the ladder after a round robin.

But, second placing will involve the Kiwis in a play-off with the runners-up from a second group, staged concurrently in Singapore and comprising Japan, Thailand, Qatar, Malaysia and Iraq, for the third berth allocated to Asia-Oceania.

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## RALE RASIC

Attempts to oust national coach Les Scheinflug, as reported in "Soccer Action" last week, highlight once again that there is immaturity and instability at the very top in Australian soccer.

Just look at the ASF's record in regards to national coaches over the past nine years:

• Brian Green fled the country after facing court charges over having stolen LP records;

• Jim Shoulder failed, and under him, the Soccerroos finished second last in their World Cup group;

• Rudi Gutendorf — enough said.

Now the ASF has a successful national coach, who's doing nothing wrong, and its top people are talking about sacking him!

How ridiculous. First, the ASF appoints Scheinflug for one year, then its leaders start talking about the possibility of the association being broken by three months' notice either side.

Had he not won the Merlion Cup in Singapore, Scheinflug would have had an excuse to axe him.



Jim Shoulder

will continue to coach the AIS team which will play in the National League youth competition and seek international experience at selected tournaments," said Sir Arthur.

"Because of family and economic reasons which could prevent players joining the institute, there will be selected intervals for intensive week-long coaching of other outstanding young players."

The ASF president said a composite squad will be chosen in September each alternate year to participate in the Havelange tournament in Mexico.

"After that, the final national squad will be chosen to take part in the Oceania elimination tournament and if successful, will proceed to the Intercontinental tournament."

Success in this round would qualify the youth team to play in the World Youth Cup finals.

## Victorian Cups

The following is the draw for the second Preliminary Round of the Victorian Docketry Cup to be played on Sunday February 19 at 3 pm:

Kew Park Rangers v Springvale City, Hamlyn Rangers v Sunbury Utd/East Brunswick, Thomastown v Mooroolbark, Langwarrin v Holland Park, Yarraville v Bell Park, Ringwood Utd v Port Melbourne/North Dandenong, Ardeer v South Oakleigh, Lalor Utd v Springvale Utd v Melbourne, Yallourn v Waverley City, Keysborough v Karingal, Hawthorn v Keilor, Rosanna v Altona Gate, Mornington v Richmond, Greensborough v Brighton/Prashan. Byes: Moorabbin City/Coburg, Altona City/Nunawading City, Doncaster Rovers/Ferntree Gully, Werribee/Sandringham.

The following is the draw for the Preliminary Round of the Metropolitan League Cup to be played on Saturday February 25:

Altona City v Moorabbin City, Ringwood Utd v Altona Gate, Springvale Utd v Holland Park, Bulleen v Heidelberg Bundoora, Coburg v

Hamlyn Rangers, Sth Oakleigh v Keysborough, Brighton v Yallourn, Sunbury Utd v Thomastown, Mornington v East Brunswick, Clifton Hill v Ferntree Gully, Bell Park v Rosanna, Essendon City v Springvale City, Waverley City v Mooroolbark, Ardeer v Prashan, Karingal v Eltham, Greensborough v Yarraville, Sandringham v Werribee.

The following is the draw for the 1st round of the Metropolitan League Cup to be played on Saturday March 3:

Nth Geelong v Clifton Hill/Ferntree Gully, Doncaster Rovers v Brighton/Yallourn, Coburg/Hamlyn Rangers v Langwarrin, Nth Dandenong v Bulleen/Heidelberg Bundoora, Ardeer/Prashan v Greensborough/Yarraville, Springvale Utd/Holland Park v Port Melbourne, Hawthorn v Moreland, Keilor v Lalor United, Kew Park Rangers v Waverley City/Mooroolbark, Altona City/Moorabbin City v Richmond, Sunbury Utd/Thomastown v Dandenong City, Sth Melbourne/Mordialloc v Bell Park/Rosanna, Essendon City/Springvale City v Melbourne, Karingal Utd/Eltham v Nunawading City, Sth Oakleigh/Keysborough v Ringwood Utd/Altona Gate, Sandringham/Werribee v Mornington/East Brunswick.

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Tony Labbozzetta — they tried to ban him

## Will Les join long list of ASF blunders?

In a way, he embarrassed those people who wanted to dump him, by returning with the Cup. How could they now justify dismissal?

But, as it turns out, Scheinflug apparently still is threatened.

And the national youth team, which he led with such spectacular success for three years, has been handed to Jim Shoulder of the Australian Institute of Sport, apparently so the ASF can save money.

Well, if that was the ASF's only concern, why didn't it ask Scheinflug and his assistant Raul Blanco whether they would be willing to move to Canberra and continue coaching the young Soccerroos there?

The ASF World Cup committee meeting which discussed Scheinflug's position a few weeks ago, would have done so without the presence of one of its members, Tony

Labbozzetta, had some of the ASF leaders had their way.

They tried to bar Labbozzetta from the meeting — obviously because Labbozzetta is associated with Scheinflug's club, Marconi. Labbozzetta had to defy his opponents and declare he would be there no matter what, before they released.

\*\*\* The pendulum has swung from Sydney to Melbourne in so many ways that it makes your head swim.

In the past, Sydney spent the big money. Sydney had the full-time coaches, Sydney was the pace-setter in Australian soccer.

Now Melbourne has taken over.

Sydney has only two full-time club coaches — Attila Abonyi of Croatia and Frank Ark of St. George Budapest.

Melbourne has five — Tommy Traynor (Sunshine George Cross), Terry Hennessy (Croatia), Len McKendry (Hellas), Brian Garvey (Heidelberg) and John Margaritis (Juventus).

Melita Eagles have cut out all signing-on fees, as has APLA, which has replaced them with larger bonuses Sydney Hakohak isn't paying big wages, and neither is St. George.

Transfer fees are much, much lower in Sydney than they are in Melbourne.

Victoria obviously, is banking on getting money back through the gate.

In Sydney, the crowds have plummeted and there's not much chance of getting them back — although Croatia and Melita now bring their own supporters into the NSL to make the terraces look a little more respectable.

## Killey top catch

Croydon City officials beat Knox City coach Eric Lesbirel in gaining the talents of 26-year-old Peter Killey.

Killey, who works locally for Johnson Brothers, played in Sydney for Warringah and Sydney City, and made his Croydon debut against Ajax.

Coach Colin Hasler is also pleased that regular 1st teamer Mike Rainey has indicated that he wishes to stay with Croydon City for the new season despite talk of Rainey joining Morwell Falcons.

Senior Coach Hasler, is of the opinion that he has a basis of a team which consists of local players that want to play for Croydon City Soccer Club and the city of Croydon.

Chris Brice, Croydon's promotion manager, said of Croydon's team: "These players are prepared to give something to the game and not take the club for all they can get."

Croydon recently recognised one of its senior players' senior players' contribution to the club and State League soccer by giving a free transfer to Steve McCombe who joined North Dandenong.

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# Lucchesi returns to partner Gary Cole

By  
Kornel  
Kampan

Claude Lucchesi settled his differences with Preston Makedonia out of court last week and signed a two-year contract containing a new clause regarding maximum transfer fee.

The old transfer clause, fixing his price at \$300, brought about the dispute, when Makedonia officials ruled it invalid because Lucchesi allegedly broke the contract by going on a business trip to the U.S.A. last season, against the approval of the committee.

Lucchesi however was determined in fighting for his rights because he felt the club was in the wrong. He sought legal advice, but as he says now, is happy that the matter never got to court.

"I saw legal action as the only solution at the time but I am pleased everything worked out," he says. Lucchesi stopped training with the club during the dispute but now relishes his new partnership up front with recruit Gary Cole. They played together as juniors for Victoria and of course, know each other's game.

"Peter Ollerton is toying with the idea of playing both of us up front. Gary has a number of strong points and he is a prolific goalscorer. I have



Claude Lucchesi

also had a good scoring record in the past few seasons and I think that it is very important for a side to have at least two confident goalscorers up front. No side will have success in soccer only with one striker scoring. Before it was Ward and I."

Lucchesi believes Makedonia has a

stronger team than last season with the signing of Cole and Graham Heys up front and Ian Dobson and possibly Robbie Dunn to play at the back.

"The beauty of it is that we can play both 4-3-3 and 4-4-2 as we have the right players," Lucchesi says. "Last year we had the basis for 4-3-3. With Heys and Campbell playing wide and coming from deep to form the attack with Cole and myself, I see the 4-4-2 system as working better now."

With the new signings, Lucchesi sees stronger competition among the players.

"Peter Ollerton will have to choose four players out of five in defence. Dobson and Dunn would form a good understanding in the middle of defence, with George McMillan probably playing fullback and Ljube Petrovski and Con Opasinis also being fullbacks. The same applies in attack where one player could be dropped if he plays poorly and the 4-3-3 system could be introduced during any game by rearranging positions."

With players like Heys and Campbell, who both are very good crossers of the ball and also able to drop back into midfield if required, Lucchesi knows that there is a lot of pressure on the strikers to score.

His personal views on the new format of the N.S.L. is that it will work well because there will be more local derbies.

"I think that in the past the game has suffered because the local derbies weren't played in the right spirit. The teams tried only to achieve a win over each other and the spectators weren't happy with the quality of the game."



A neat trick...

"In this respect the game may improve because more local derbies are to be played and the teams' attitude will have to change."

## Dave Mitchell tells strange tales of Aussie soccer

"Wild Colonial Boy" Dave Mitchell continues to hold a remarkable fascination for the Scottish media.

Recently, popular Scottish newspaper "The Weekly News" devoted a full page to him. Revelations included the fact that Mitchell, in a state of anguish following a defeat by Celtic, smashed a window in his Glasgow lodgings.

Probably of equal interest to the paper's readers were the quaint happenings in the southern hemisphere, which the Soccerro striker referred to.

Mitchell recalls playing in a World Cup qualifying tie in Fiji with the pitch infested by frogs. "Every time you went for a ball, you had to beat a frog before you took an opponent."

Also remembered is an Australian youth team tour of Indonesia ("a dump — everything was covered in dust"), during which the local rickshaw drivers were recruited and races staged to relieve the boredom.

Mitchell states that he found it far easier to settle in Glasgow than in Sydney, when transferred from Adelaide City Juventus. He does admit to a little homesickness however.

Aspects of the Scottish game which appeal most are crowd involvement and lack of travelling.

"Over in Australia, supporters are dead quiet."

You would leave on the Saturday afternoon, play the game on the Sunday, and not be back until Sunday night after a long flight.

"That was a real drag, especially as I suffer from a nasal condition that makes it essential for me to use drops and sprays constantly."

"Landing in a plane is always an ordeal. The pressure gives me pain in the ears — caused by the nasal complaint. In fact, I've already had one operation and during the summer I'll probably have to go into hospital again."

"The Weekly News" contrives to rename the Australian national team coach "Les Scheinhuis" who Mitchell describes as a second Jock Wallace — "extremely demanding on players and would have us out from dawn till dusk in a bid to make us fit."

Mitchell confirms his eagerness to represent Australia in the World Cup and that he had a release clause included in his contract with Rangers.

The big forward therefore may be a key player for Scheinhuis in 1985, by which time there should be no excuse for the press getting his name wrong!

— PAUL MOON



## Potter to play, Hermiston expensive

Former Brisbane City captain and coach George Potter has returned to the playing field.

Potter, who left City in 1982 to coach North Star, decided this season his playing days were not over after all.

He relinquished the Premier League club's coaching position to become team sweeper and captain.

North Star is now being coached by Polish refugee Jerzy Steckiwi, who coached at Sunnyside last season.



Ricky Rosso

Although it is only early days, Potter says he is thoroughly enjoying playing again and at this stage will not predict how long the comeback will last.

The former NSL midfielder

or sweeper, who first played in Australia with Lions after a distinguished career in England and Scotland, has worked hard on his fitness during the off-season and looks none the worse for his year on the sidelines.

North Star, which was included in Queensland's new 10-team Premier League, is also trialling George Thistle full-back Jim Cameron.

If North Star can sign Cameron, then along with Potter, Michael McEvoy and Werner Friske, the Thistle club will have a back four which should prove difficult to crack.

North Star was also trialling Ross Swan, brother of dual Rothmans Medalist Ken Swan who went to City from Thistle this year.

But City coach Joe Gilroy was impressed with the younger Swan in a match between City and North Star recently and it would not surprise to see Ross join his brother at the NSL club.

In other Premier League news, there is still no official word of whether Jim Hermiston will play with Ipswich United this season.

Hermiston was linked with the club after quitting the City coaching position, but reportedly stunned Ipswich officials with his signing-on fee request.

Grange Thistle has been trialling talented Easts defender Jeff Dolan but could have a fight on its hands to gain his signature.

Dolan reportedly is keen to go to Thistle, where he would join his brother Steve, but Easts are unlikely to let the gutsy youngster go cheaply — if at all.

Last year's grand final winners Olympic, which looks like losing Tom McGregor to City and Graham Wilson to Lions, is on the hunt for play-

ers, but club officials are not panicking and refuse to make any rash decisions.

Olympic, which has a reputation as a big payer, has been approached by a number of transfer-listed players, but it could be some weeks yet before pen it put to paper.

Victorian player Ray Pocock is settling in at Easts and reviewing his squad, and as yet has not made any major signings.

Acacia Ridge has gained several players from nearby Darrra United, but is still waiting on a goalkeeper replacement for Rob Farrow, who has been trialling brilliantly at Lions.

Mount Gravatt looks like having the same squad as last year as does Taranga, now under the control of former Lions coach Ian Kesson.

New Premier League clubs Coaststars and Wynnum also have not been big spenders on the transfer market yet and they are certain to be surprise packets in the early rounds.



George Potter

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## Juve and Olympia best?

Juventus-Pioneer and Olympia, both with full time coaches, look like the teams to beat in the 1984 Cadbury State League competition in southern Tasmania.

Ken Morton's Juventus has done extremely well in pre-season friendlies, beating Rapid 5-0 and drawing 1-1 with Canberra Arrows.

Otto Klaus' Olympia only has played a single friendly, defeating Rapid 7-3. Klaus, speaking after the match, said: "The players are still not match fit. The midfield needs a lot more work."

Olympia looks as if it will sign two or three new players. "I'm impressed with the newcomer, Pillans of Caledonians", said Klaus. "We hope to sign him to add height and strength to the defence but he could also be used in midfield if necessary."

Klaus also was pleased with the performance of Launceston United's Pennicott at fullback.

"We're also negotiating with a goalkeeper in case Harrison does decide to go to Melbourne," said Klaus.

"Basically, I'm looking for a defensive mid-fielder or a defender because I'm pleased with the forward line, especially Forster who is very smart. It's good to have Nichols back from JUST too. I'd say my main worry is the midfield. I'm not impressed with my midfield."

Klaus sees Juventus as the team to beat. He wasn't impressed with its win over Rapid but he thought it did very well against Canberra Arrows. "I expect either Olympia or Juventus to take out the title," he predicted.

Rapid has strengthened its side with the signings of Huijsloot (Croatia) and Taglieri (Caledonians) and coach David Crosson is quietly confident of his team's chances. In the past two seasons it has come from nowhere to win the title and to be runner-up, so with the present good progress it should be in with a chance right from the start.

Caledonians still are without a coach following Brian MacKay's inability, due to work commitments, to take over from Eamon Kelly, while Croatia reportedly is in strife owing to a shortage of players with experience. It reportedly only has Larry Nunn of last year's senior team in training.

Metro-Clearmont is losing several key players who are soon leaving for extended holidays in Europe, a fact which can't be too pleasing for coach Barry Shacklady.

In the north of the State, Ulverstone will be coached by Joe McGroarty while last year's championship winning coach, Peter Sawdon, moves from Devonport to take over George Town. He will be joined there by the 1983 Rothmans Gold Medal winner, Liam Monagle, who was with Ulverstone.

## Uni. may climb

University survived its first season in the Tasmanian Cadbury State League and is looking forward to doing much better this year.

The team finished second-last in 1983, which at first glance doesn't sound too good. But, when one looks at the points table, the result is much brighter.

University finished with 16 points, 11 ahead of relegated White Eagles and only a point behind Caledonians and two points behind Metro.

The club has recruited well for 1984 and I attended a recent training session where I spoke to coach Ron Coutts, the former physiotherapist at Aberdeen.

Plans: Who will be your new players, Ron?

Coutts: "Bobby Rybak (White Eagles), Dominic Frarracio (Hobart City), unless there's problems with his clearance, Sean Collins (Croatia), and probably Brian MacKay (Olympia), and Mallick and Driessen from Kingborough."

Plans: Does this represent a considerable strengthening of the squad?

Coutts: "It does and it doesn't because of the fact that we've lost three or four players from last season. We've lost Galgadies, who's been posted to Rosebery, Lindsay Groat, who's not going to play, according to him, and Gary Jenkins who's not going to play either. Jimmy Kerr has retired too. He may come out of retirement, but, at the moment, he's not going to train or play."

Plans: Can you finish in the top four?

Coutts: "It's a possibility. If we've got all the players we think we have, than that's a possibility. We'll be aiming for that."

Plans: Who do you think will be the top team?

Coutts: "I can't see it being much different from last season. I think it's going to be between the two or three teams that fought it out last season, specifically Rapid and Juventus."

Plans: Has anyone been standing out at training?

Coutts: "I think young Ricky Rosso is going to be quite sharp. He's hopefully going to be quite a usual player in this league. It will be interesting to see whether he's got enough ability to play at the higher level. But, he's certainly looking very sharp."

## Summer Cup

The "Michael The Tailor" Summer Cup competition will herald the opening of the 1984 soccer season in southern Tasmania. The opening game will be played on Sunday, March 4 and matches will be held on Sundays and Wednesdays.

As last year, the competition will comprise two separate leagues, a Cadbury League and a Rothmans League, with two groups in each. The winner of the Cadbury League section will receive \$600 while the winner of the Rothmans League section gets \$300. The runners-up will receive \$300 and \$150 respectively.

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# TWO VIEWS OF THE DAVIDSON SAGA

## The English PFA wants him to stay



**TIM WHITE**

Victorian coaching director

The refusal by the British Government to allow Alan Davidson to play for Arsenal in England's First Division is a severe jolt to that player's ambitions.

Ironically, the refusal has rocked the ambitions of Davidson's friend and Australian teammate Charlie Yankos.

Yankos was having trials with English Second Division club Brighton at the same time the drama surrounding Davidson unfolded.

Brighton reasoned that Davidson's refusal was sufficient evidence to dissuade it from pursuing the possibility of gaining a permit for Yankos.

An appeal has been submitted to the British Government on behalf of Davidson and it is still possible he could be given a reprieve.

The whole affair is very disappointing when one considers that it is purely and simply Government red-tape and some back-biting from within the English Football League organisations which is preventing a young, talented player from achieving his ambition.

If somebody decided he was not good enough, then the pill would be easier to swallow as the yardstick would then be the player's ability.

Davidson's application for a work permit had the full backing of the English Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) and the secretary of this body, Gordon Taylor, did not envisage any problems at the time the application was lodged.

The granting or otherwise of work permits is a government scheme devised to protect jobs of workers who reside in Britain. The Professional Footballers' Association is the players' own organisation which is set up to look after the players' interests.

When an application is received for a work permit to be a professional footballer, then obviously the PFA takes considerable interest so as to monitor the effects on its members.

In this case, there are no objections from the PFA, so one is left wondering what other factors were taken into consideration.

In recent years, Arsenal has had considerable difficulty with the relevant government department regarding Yugoslav player Vladimir Petrovic.

I understand that Arsenal's handling of that affair left a bad taste in some mouths and as a result, the club may not be in good terms with the department or, indeed, with the Football League itself.

Davidson said recently that his application stated he was a top international player and as a result the department questioned the "low" transfer fee. Questions of this sort from the

department would only highlight its ignorance of world soccer and I would respectfully suggest that it should do its homework more thoroughly on the subject.

However, taking all those facts into consideration and attempting to be wise after the event, I cannot help thinking that Davidson's application to remain in English football would have had greater possibilities had he accepted Brighton's offer which was made before the Arsenal one.

But now, the precedent has been set and it will certainly affect the thinking of other young players who may harbor overseas ambitions.

Two years ago, George Christopoulos, an Australian team mate of Davidson and Yankos, also was refused a work permit when English Second Division club Newcastle United was keen to sign him. By a strange twist of fate, Christopoulos could possibly be in a position where he can receive this permit next year.

Christopoulos currently is in Greece and has taken out Greek citizenship. Extraordinary as it may seem, players from Commonwealth countries such as Australia, are being refused permits but players from European Economic Community countries like Greece, are being allowed into England regardless.

As a result, Christopoulos could be in the position of receiving permission to earn a living as a footballer in England, by entering from Greece.

Davidson's rebuttal from the British Government has angered people in Australia, understandably so, when one considers the many British players allowed into this country over the years and still being allowed in.

However, suggestions that a ban should be slapped on British players coming to Australia is an emotive and hence an illogical reaction.

If young players wish to achieve their ambitions by going to England and other countries, then I think that machinery should be set up in this country where work permit applications can be processed before players leave Australia. Then it will only be players' ability which will decide his fate overseas.

I have it on very good authority that both Davidson and Yankos created excellent impressions in England both with their football ability and their character.

Yankos was unlucky. His visit coincided with some of the worst weather England has had for some time. This prevented him from playing regularly as it was difficult to arrange friendly games.

However, I'm sure both players will have benefited from the experience and while I'm disappointed at their failure to achieve their ambitions, I will be pleased to see them on our soccer fields again.

They went to England with high hopes and expectations. Let's hope enthusiasm has not been dampened too much.



Alan Davidson, as the English magazine "World Soccer" saw him.

## Overseas news

### Crowds quit in Germany

The managers of the 18 West German first division (Bundesliga) teams have agreed to launch a 300,000-mark (110,000 Aust Dollar) market research survey to find out why crowds are falling.

Bundesliga attendances, which dropped from a record 8.3 million five years ago to 6.2 million last season, are likely to dip by a further 1.5 percent this year, the managers said in a statement at the end of a two-day meeting.

They said the fall meant income would not rise in the coming year, though most clubs' costs are increasing and many are already in deep financial trouble.

West German Soccer Federation (DFB) treasurer Egidius Braun said: "We want to establish what is wrong with the product."

Crowds are at the lowest level for 10 years when they slumped dramatically in the wake of a major bribery scandal.

Some observers say the drop in attendances has been caused by a dearth of world-class players since the retirement of the likes of Franz Beckenbauer, Gerd Mueller, Guenter Netzer and Sepp Maier.

Many fans also complain the present crop of Bundesliga players are arrogant and far more interested in making money than in entertaining spectators.

Bundesliga clubs, believed to have debts of more than 40 million marks (15.5 million Aust Dollars), already have begun to tighten their belts.

Big-money transfers have been virtually confined to history while many teams' including European champion Hamburg, have cut players' salaries and bonuses in an attempt to keep their heads above water.

The problems have been compounded by the poor showing of the national team last year and the failure of any of the six West German entries to reach the quarter-finals of the three European club competitions.

### Brazil's Junior for Napoli

Flamengo fullback Junior, who played in Brazil's 1982 World Cup team, says he had received a transfer offer from the Italian first division club Napoli.

Junior, 29, told a television interviewer that the Italian club was willing to pay him about \$1.3 million for a three-year contract and that he was waiting only for Napoli officials to come to Brazil to finalise the deal.

Gilberto Cardoso Filho, vice-president of the Rio club, was quoted as saying that Flamengo may transfer the skilful defender "as long as Napoli is willing to pay Flamengo two million dollars cash."

Junior would join fellow Brazilian Dirceu, a midfielder, in the Napoli side.

## Brits don't need him but we need Brits

Alan Davidson's failed bid to secure a work permit in Britain and thus a possible Arsenal contract has triggered off a mild form of hysteria in the Press. And none are more vocal than our ex-British colleagues, displaying their loyalties on their lapel.

Their argument is that because Davidson was not allowed to play in Britain, Australia should retaliate and bar English and Scottish players; coaches and journalists have not been mentioned.

So what's it all about?

Britain, for reasons best known to it, has decided that it can manage without Davidson; that country's problem is a population much larger than can be supported at a reasonable level.

It also feels — and this is hard to dispute — that it had hundreds, possibly thousands of professional players too many and Davidson would have taken one of those precious spots from them.

One misguided soul, in his neophyte enthusiasm, angrily lamented that Davidson was refused — while, for instance, the Argentinian (and obviously non-British) Osvaldo Ardiles was allowed to play there.

With all due respects to Davidson — he is no Ardiles and never will be. Not even a Muhren, Villa or Jesper Olsen. These super-stars — even from non-EEC countries — receive privileged assessment as they are likely to raise the standard of the English First Division.

Australia is not a member of the EEC — our Commonwealth membership counts for nothing here. If Davidson were a German or Italian, he could play in London. Not as an Australian.

Obviously, the British don't care very much whether we hit back or not; neither Mrs Thatcher's Government nor the Players' Association are in the player-export business.



By **ANDREW RETTRE**

We can, if we wish, shut the door on British players — but if we do so, hopefully it will be done for better reasons than as a revenge for Davidson's snub.

But should we do it?

Even a brief glance at the composition of our teams shows that clubs rely heavily on British migrant players.

Australian soccer, for a variety of reasons which we have no space to discuss, does NOT produce enough quality players. If we are to run 24 teams in the NSL, we must import players.

And where from, if not Britain? The prosperous Germans, French, Dutch and Belgians, not to mention the over-paid Italians and Spaniards, couldn't be dragged here.

South Americans are risky; only a few of them survive the traumatic effects of a transplant.

Of course, the ideal would be if we, too, could turn out enough players of acceptable standard, eliminating the need for any imports at all except for an occasional superstar.

But I sincerely doubt whether that day will ever come, regardless of how many hundreds of thousands of youngsters run around on Saturdays, firmly believing that the game they play is soccer.

I feel sorry for Davidson, having been denied a chance to try his luck in the higher echelons of British soccer (if one can generously put Arsenal in that category) — but I cannot share the righteous indignation of some colleagues who now blindly advocate an "eye for an eye" policy.

The truth is Britain doesn't need Davidson — and we need the British players. And the truer this is, the more it hurts.



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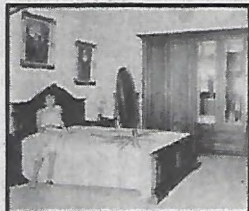
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# La Juventus ha la costanza . . . di fare sempre gli stessi sbagli

L'avventura della Juventus nella coppa notturna si è conclusa venerdì scorso dopo la sconfitta per 0-3 ad opera del Preston, e non poteva essere altrimenti.

Questo insuccesso, che ha seguito la falsariga di quello dell'anno scorso, e' da ascrivere alla incapacita' dei responsabili bianconeri di capire quanto importante sia la coppa notturna e quanto facile sarebbe farvi bella figura.

Come primiz competizione dell'anno, la coppa notturna viene ad un momento quanto la tifoseria e' affamata di calcio, di novita' e di successi, la formula di incontri doppi richiama un pubblico notevole che paga cifre favolose per questo calcio altrimenti anemico: durante i tre turni eliminatori della competizione (sei serate e dodici partite) circa 40.000 spettatori hanno affollato le gradinate dell'Olympic Park generando un incasso di quasi \$200.000! Mica male!

Le squadre che hanno passato il turno e disputeranno le semifinali e le finali potranno contare su molti altri biglietti da mille. Quindi solo dal punto di vista degli incassi (importantissimi) la coppa notturna e' la competizione piu' redditizia dell'anno.

Oltre agli incassi dai cancelli, un buon comportamento in questa competizione influisce favorevolmente sul tessoneramento e sullo sponsorismo dei club: anche qui molti altri biglietti da mille guadagnati o persi!

E per concludere, il successo o l'insuccesso influiscono e condizionano il morale dei giocatori, dei tecnici e dei dirigenti! E se ancora ci volesse un esempio pratico per illustrare la vitale importanza della coppa notturna, basterebbe guardare al Green Gully, una "squadretta" che si e' fatta praticamente con i soldi e con il prestigio guadagnati appunto in questa competizione.

Divecano anche che far bella figura nella coppa notturna e' relativamente facile: infatti questa competizione non viene quasi mai vinta dalla squadra migliore senso assoluto, ma dalla squadra piu' in forma e piu' affiatata.

Quasi tutte le squadre in questo periodo dell'anno si trovano a ranghi incompleti e con giocatori a questo punto di preparazione per la squadra "turbata", che riesce a mettere a posato quasi tutti i ruoli ed a condurre una preparazione efficace, quasi sempre fa bella figura o addirittura vince la competizione (con tutti i vantaggi finanziari e di altro genere che abbiamo descritto sopra).

Fra tutte le squadre che partecipavano alla competizione quest'anno, la Juventus era sicuramente quella che piu' di ogni altra aveva bisogno di fare bella figura per capitalizzare sull'entusiasmo che si va riscuotendo intorno al club, per assicurarsi lauti incassi e per convincere le migliaia di dubbiosi che ormai "ci siamo".

Invece non ci siamo proprio! E questo non vuole essere una critica ai dirigenti juventini che stanno facendo veramente miracoli . . . nei campi in cui sono esperti: Amministrazione, raccolta di fondi, attivita' sociali. Quello che dovrebbero capire pero' e' che dove non sono esperti (e non e' colpa loro) e' il reparto tecnico. Gli acquisti quest'anno ci sono stati, i soldi si sono spesi e la squadra non funziona.

Andare a comprare due attaccanti cosi' costosi quando gia' ce ne sono troppi anche meglio, non e' segno di capacita' tecnica. Una prima linea che gia' aveva Cullen, Incantalupo e Zinni non aveva certo bisogno di Sweeney e Ward, ma piuttosto di Gary Cole che, guarda caso non solo era al mercato ma e' stato acquistato proprio da quel Preston che ha suonato la Juventus di santa ragione!

Iludersi poi che "tutti possono fare i centrocampisti e i terzini" e' un'altra prova di incapacita' tecnica. Alla Juventus sembra proprio che questi ruoli non abbiano alcuna specializzazione. Ci serve un centrocampista? No problem, ci mettiamo Cullen o Incantalupo, ci serve un difensore? Noo! problem!

Ci mettiamo Swincoe o Miranda (molto fuori ruolo), il terzino Billy Rogers e' andato a centrocampista a far gara con Pat Bannon nella corsa delle fartiaghe (e sappiamo di non offendere nessuno perche' Billy e Rogers

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Fawknor's Ged Bannon

rande! Con il risultato che la maggior parte dei giocatori vengono schierati fuori ruolo e dei buoni attaccanti diventati dei mediocri centrocampisti, dei buoni centrocampisti vengono cambiati in pessimi difensori!

Era evidente come il sole che quest'anno il punto pic debole della Juventus sarebbe stata la difesa e che quindi questo era il reparto da rinforzare. Invece non si e' fatto niente nemmeno quando il piu' valido membro del quartetto difensivo, Paul Drinocky, e' stato messo fuori causa da un incidente stradale. Per di piu' si mette in campo un centrocampista fatto principalmente di attaccanti fuori posizione e che perco' e' quasi nullo in funzione difensiva con il risultato che la mediocre e rattoppata difesa deve sostenere quasi completamente l'urto dell'attacco e dei centrocampisti avversari.

Venerdi' scorso, per esempio, visto che era venuto a mancare anche il secondo piu' valido difensore, Vince Bannon, e che l'avversario di turno si era enormemente rinforzato in avanti con l'acquisto di Cole ed il ritorno di Lucchesi, sarebbe stato molto meglio mettere Geremia al posto di Vince Bannon, lasciare a centromediano quel Dowie che la settimana scorsa vi si era comportato egregiamente, e dare al centrocampista una maggiore impronta difensiva con due mastini del tipo di Miranda e Lloyd con il compito di stroncare a tutti i costi il centrocampista avversario e tornare indietro per frenare lo scatenato Cole ed il sapiente Lucchesi.

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sona i primi ad ammettere che non sono piu' centrocampisti), Dowie e' stato, si', schierato al suo ruolo naturale di centrocampista . . . ma a fianco di due attaccanti, Cullen ed Incantalupo; Lloyd addirittura e' stato lasciato in panchina fino all'incidente ad Incantalupo e quando il risultato era gia' di 2-2.

Naturalmente la cosa migliore da fare, e molto prima di venerdi' sera, era quella di assicurarsi almeno un buon difensore. Il guaio e' che prima o poi bisognerà prenderlo, ma intanto si e' perso una opportunita' ideale di far soldi (l'acquisto si sarebbe pagato solo con gli incassi della semifinale della coppa notturna), di fare soldi, di attirare tifosi e via di seguito. E speriamo che a dire la propria opinione chiara e tonda (ma senza la pesunzione di aver necessariamente ragione), non faccia offesa certa gente che avrebbe tanto bisogno di ascoltare e che invece crede di saper tutto!

LOU RICHARDS CONTRO  
FRANCO COZZO?

Passando ad una nota diversa, in un campo in cui i dirigenti della Juventus sanno indubbiamente il fatto loro, noniamo con un certo senso di approvazione che mercoledì prossimo, 22 febbraio, ci sara' il primo pranzo del "Juventus Gold Pass Luncheon Club" al rinomato ristorante italiano "San Giorgio" in Carlton.

Oratore per l'occasione sara' nientemeno che Lou Richards, il grande sacerdote del football australiano e nemico pubblico (ma non necessariamente in privato) numero uno del calcio. Fra i partecipanti anche l'altro "divo televisivo" Franco Cozzo che in fatto di presa sul pubblico rivalessa con "Lu-lu-lu". Non e' in programma un dibattito fra i due, ma conoscendo il loro carattere di

parlatori spontanei e spregiudicati, tutto e' possibile.

Perco' chi non vorra' mancare a questo insolito spettacolo, oltre che ad un ottimo pranzo fra il fior fiore dei professionisti e degli uomini d'affari italiani, e' avvisato di prenotare telefonando al signor Tony Schiavelli al 338.4555 durante gli orari d'ufficio.

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Les Gooney, il piu' classico difensore del Fawknor, Les ha dimostrato di avere ancora quella classe genuina che fara' molta differenza nella difesa azzurra. C'e' da augurarsi che il suo recupero sia definitivo e che presto possa tornare ad essere il maestro dei bei tempi. A titolo di cronaca il Fawknor ha battuto il Broadmeadows per 4-3 con due resti di Cozzella e due del giovanissimo Giovanni Sannipoli.

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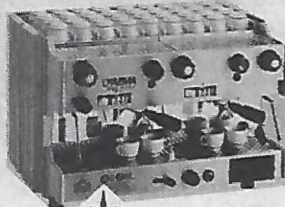
L'East Brunswick Abruzzo ha passato il primo turno della Dockerty Cup andando ad espugnare il difficile campo del Sanbury United per 2-1.

Fra i migliori in campo il recente acquisto dalla Juventus, Sam Cicconi; altro ex juventino esordiente Sam Ruccia. Altri due importanti acquisti, Lepore e Polita dal Fawknor. Alla guida tecnica della squadra il nuovo allenatore Frank Simunovic, ex giocatore del JUST. Con giovani di sicuro valore e con un tecnico che indubbiamente sa il fatto suo, quante cose si puo' aspettare grandi cose dalla squadra abruzzese.

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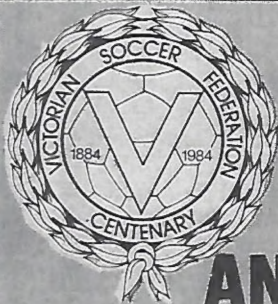
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